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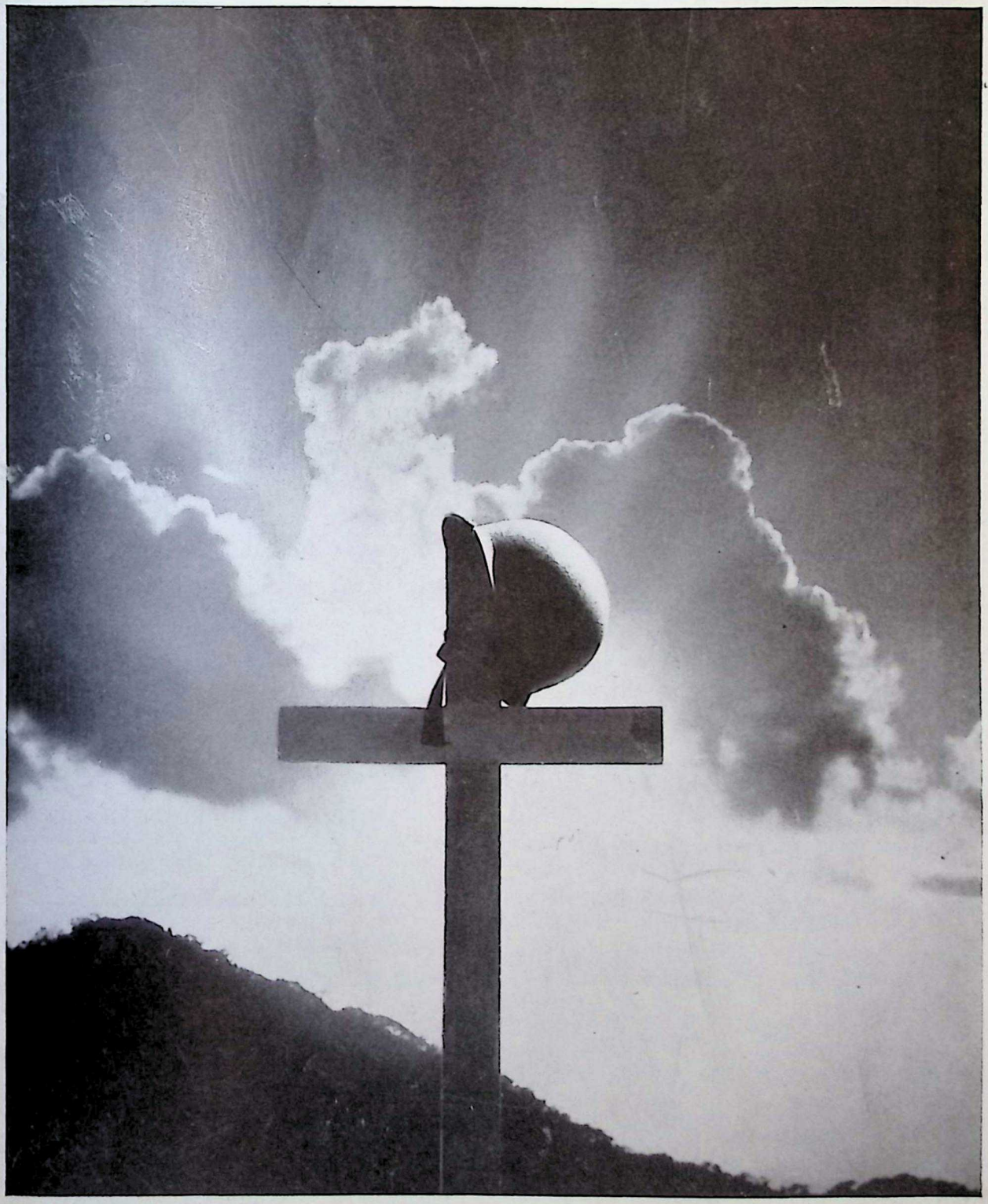

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EDITORIAL

Second Verse of the Old Refrain

The frenzied rush of commentators and what not to tell us that there is a great breach developing between the man or woman in service and the civilian would indicate that an old truth is being rediscovered.

When those in uniform come face to face with grim reality and finds out that fighting a war is a dangerous business with death more than a remote possibility it usually leads to some serious thinking. Given the opportunity to compare life at Guadalcanal, Anzio and a few other hot spots with Palm Beach or the race tracks and the comparison is apt to get odious. Very!

For generations a certain few have fought our country's battles and those lucky enough to return were in every war astounded to learn that a great many people had been having what is vulgarly termed, "one hell of a time" while those in uniform obligingly fought — and died. The four thousand readers of DOINGS have heard at one time or another, "it's a shame we went over in 1917 because it really did no good." This is what is called compensation for risking your neck and shedding good red blood for some who are hardly worth it. They're in the minority it's true but there's much too many of them to be disregarded.

Until this country works out a plan whereby every living American makes some tangible sacrifice, and we don't mean driving less than usual, we will continue to merit the inescapable conclusion of the service man and woman.

The only bright note we can hear in this second verse of the old refrain is that eleven million veterans-to-be plus four million of World War I will have plenty of weight to throw around when this war is won and we for one hope they throw it.

The money spent on this war by the United States alone would have wiped out forever our slums all over the country, furnished a college education without cost to the individual for every boy and girl worthy of it and built up our rural school system so that it might well compare with the best in the land.

Civilians after every war have claimed that veterans' preference was putting a price on patriotism. Let's put a price on those who lack it and let's have the payments made "through the nose"!

25th NATIONAL CONVENTION

NEW YORK CITY

Yankee Division Veterans' Association
June 24 - 25, 1944

THINGS TO REMEMBER ! !

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New York Convention Group Announces Tentative Program

NEW YORK CITY

June 24 - 25, 1944

Friday, June 23 —
REGISTRATION. Starting 1 p.m., continuous through Saturday, in the B. C. Room, Hotel Commodore.

Saturday, June 24 —
MEETING (Business). East Ball Room, Hotel Commodore. 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Saturday, June 24 —
MEETING (Installation National Officers). East Ball Room, Hotel Commodore. 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, June 24 —
DINNER. Grand Ball Room, Hotel Commodore. 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 24 —
REUNIONS. General Get-together of Comrades and Pals in the hotel.

Saturday, June 24 —
ENTERTAINMENT. New York can and will. Enough said!

Sunday, June 25 —
MEMORIAL SERVICES. In honor of our own General Clarence (Daddy) R. Edwards — at General Edwards Plaque in Fordham University, Bronx, New York City.

THE COMMITTEE.
Harold B. F. Lonergan,
Convention Secretary.

THE NATIONAL COMMANDER SAYS

My term of office is fast drawing to a close and we are still far from our goal in our membership drive. Many of our chapters have shown remarkable increases, but I regret to admit some show declines. All State Departments have recently installed their new officers. I do hope their enthusiasm will carry us to a new high in total members. I have already reported that I would like to see several new chapters formed in each of the New England states. I do believe such new blood would bring in many new members. Why not give it a trial?

Recently I reported about writing to Gen. Douglas MacArthur. I know you will be interested in his reply: "My deepest thanks to you and my old comrades-in-arms of the Yankee Division. It was a magnificent unit. Swift and sure in attack, tenacious and determined in defense. I shall always remember and revere it." I am sure these words will thrill you as they did me.

In reference to awarding posthumously the Purple Heart decoration to our buddies, who were killed in France; I have asked Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers from Lowell, Mass. for her assistance and support. A few years ago, the Honorable Mrs. Rogers assured our association she would gladly assist us at any time in any of our undertakings. She is a member of the Committee on World War Legislation. However, because the War Department opposes the awarding of this Purple Heart to our dead buddies; Congresswoman Rogers appears only luke warm. I do hope our membership will flood her with letters, so she will use her best efforts to have our buddies, who were laid at rest in France, be honored equally with those gallant lads killed in the present war.

It probably is of interest to our membership to learn that the Navy issued its Good Conduct Medal as of April 26, 1869. The Marine Corps issued their Good Conduct Medal July 20, 1896 and the Coast Guard had their Good Conduct Medal issued as of April 7, 1917. However, it was not until July 28, 1941 that the War Department got around to issuing its Good Conduct Medal. Same being covered by Executive Order No. 8809 and was for soldiers having served for three years, honorably discharged, with character as excellent. If regulations governing the award of this medal had so remained, the only criticism that could have been made, would be the neglect of the War Department for not having ordered its issuance many years previously. However, under date of March 31, 1943, just about a year ago, the War Department had the above numbered Executive Order modified by Executive Order No. 9323. This grants the issuance of the Good Conduct Medal to soldiers who have served for one year while our country is at war. With this change in regulations, I feel soldiers in World War I should likewise be entitled to the Good Conduct Medal, provided they served for a period of at least one year, were honorably discharged, with character as excellent. Therefore, I contacted the War Department, who state my request has some merit, but because it concerns several million former soldiers, it would be too expensive. I just cannot imagine the War Department considering the cost of a few million medals as being expensive. All one has to do is to look around his own neighborhood and note the hoarding and waste by the War Department. I wonder why the War Department did not consider the cost when they started the Canol oil wells in Canada. Likewise, their new Pentagon building at Arlington. This latter building was to have cost approximately $32,000,000.00, but I have been informed the actual cost is more than $70,000,000.00. Both of these operations being such glaring waste of money, a congressional investigation may be held. Yet a medal, to a deserving soldier is too costly, according to the War Department. If the War Department would grant us this request now; we would willingly agree to the actual distribution of the medal to be at some date after the present war has been won. At that time the metal would be in an abundance and it would give gainful employment at a time in which our country probably will be in a depression. In the meantime the veteran soldier could enjoy the pleasure of wearing the Good Conduct ribbon. If the War Department continues to refuse this request, then I am hopeful we can obtain favorable action in Congress.

This month, like last November, I have been on the move. On the first day of Spring, March 20th, I travelled to Salem, Mass. to attend the testimonial dinner to Com. Bill McHugh. I was greeted with fourteen inches of snow. The dinner was a marked success. When I tell you over 200 were in attendance on such a stormy night, it speaks for itself. Also, I had the pleasure of meeting that grand fellow who has done so much for Salem Chapter, His Honor, Mayor Edward A. Coffey. The Mayor presented me with a pictorial booklet of Salem, in which he inscribed: "The YD and you are always a part of Salem." Thanks again, Mr. Mayor. Our membership may be interested in learning that Mayor Coffey never misses any Y.D.V.A. functions in his community. I think that is a grand record.

On March 21st I visited at our headquarters in Boston and on March 24th I attended Phila. Chap-

ter's meeting, where their new officers were elected for the ensuing year.

Continuing my visits to hospitals, on March 27th I visited the Tilton General Hospital at Fort Dix, N. J. There I had the good fortune of meeting an old YD boy who is back in service. I refer to Capt. Henry Lutz, formerly of Prov., R. I., and a former member of Battery A — "the Kaiser's Own". Capt. Lutz was hospitalized home after serving in India, Burma and China. I am pleased to report he is now rapidly regaining his health.

March 28th found me again visiting with New York Chapter. I am pleased to report they will for another year, at least, continue to hold their meetings at the Prince George Hotel.

Again New Haven was my meeting place on April 1st and that is no fooling. This time it was my good fortune to assist in the installation of their new officers. New Haven Chapter has just completed one of their best years. Com. Dube was a great leader and they are blessed again with a wonderful commander in Otis Culver. Continued good luck, fellows.

On April 5th I was in Washington, D. C., so I sneaked over to Al Bartram's home to crash their chapter meeting. It was a real thrill to see Major General Eckfield again. Those Washington boys still hold the old YD spirit even though they are constantly exposed to the new deal. Glad to have seen you all again, fellows, and keep up the good work.

Through the rain, I journeyed, on April 8th, to Springfield to eat, drink, assist in their installation and have fun. This was a joint installation with the Ladies' Auxiliary. It was a very attractive affair and I was assisted by my National Sergt.-at-Arms Harvey Ellis. The evening was perfect, with the party breaking up in the wee hours. I am sure Harry Valentine is going to prove a real commander and bring Springfield Chapter's membership over the 200 mark. Keep plugging, fellows, you can do it.

April 11th found me attending Lynn Chapter's installation. Here I was honored by having P.N. Com. Austin Appleby as my Sergt.-at-Arms. The night was complete when once again Austin installed P.N. Com. Ray Doucette as Lynn's treasurer. I do hope this little act can be a yearly affair for the next fifty years, at least. Bob Newman, Lynn's new commander is a marvel. He has everything it takes to lead a chapter such as Lynn has; even to his wonderful stories. Their membership is our association's second largest. With only a small territory to draw from, this is marvelous. Don't be surprised if Bob reaches into Boston to get new members. Who knows, maybe Lynn will open a branch right there. Keep up the splendid work, fellows.

On April 12th I again visited our Boston headquarters and in the evening partook of the banquet at the Biltmore Hotel in Providence. Later that evening it was my pleasure to install the newly elected State Department officers for Rhode Island. Following, came the installation of the new officers for Providence, Apremont and Kent County chapters. This, I believe, was the first time the department and all the chapters' officers in one state have been installed during one evening. It was a novel affair witnessed by a very large turnout. It was fortunate that Dept. Com. Clyde Beckwith from Conn. was attending this meeting. Dept. Com. Clyde filled in as my Sergt.-at-Arms and did a marvelous job. Some how those lads from Conn. pop up just at the right time and know just what to do. Thanks again, Clyde. Prov. Chapter, which has reached a new high in membership under the grand leadership of Past Com. Mike Crescenzo, is now under the command of Dave Davidson, an old machine gunner from Co. A, 103rd M.G.Bn. I know he will ably fill the commander's station and continue with their grand record. Apremont Chapter elected Jim Macallum, as their commander. Jim, likewise is a machine gunner from Co. A, 103rd M.G. Bn., which goes without saying that the membership in Apremont will just about double this year. Kent County chose George Mac Leod as their leader for this year. George is a Scotchman with lots of pep, so I anticipate his membership will top the 50 mark this year.

The State Department is now headed by John Kelly, whom I am sure will give Little Rhody another chapter this year. Past Dept. Com. Bill Bergin has just completed a fine year. With his co-operation I know Jack Kelly will also have a wonderful year. I was happily surprised to be presented with a complete set of battle ribbons by my old buddies from A company. Also, I want to again thank those lovely ladies from Kent County for that great big Angel cake and bottle of wine. The cake was marvelous and the debt has been paid, with interest. I also wish to thank again the members of Kent County Chapter for that fine picture. It is something I can long treasure with fond memories.

On April 14th I skipped over to South Willington, Conn. where I "barged" in on Windham County Chapter's meeting. This was a gala affair, with a fine turnout. The "spread" following the meeting really was a banquet, with the Honorable Mayors from two of the adjoining cities also getting their tummies full. Dept. Com. Clyde Beckwith officiated at this installation and I was privileged to assist him. Comrade Euclid Pimpare, as usual, performed as Sergt.-at-Arms, as only "Pimp" can. I do appreciate the "short cut" home as shown by Mayor Harvey Grinsell. Mr. Mayor, if you hadn't been in the 103rd M.G.Bn. with me I would feel you did that on purpose. Next time I'll sleep at the Putnam Police

Station, if you have one.

The next day, April 15th, found me visiting and making a tour of inspection of the State Hospital and Soldiers' Home at Rocky Hill, Conn. This was a nasty rainy day, but Major Don Peck, an old YD boy gave his full time and explained everything in detail. The State of Conn. is to be congratulated for making available to war veterans such wonderful conveniences and services. I know of no other hospital in any state, so completely equipped and so willing to assist worthy veterans. I salute that great State of Connecticut and Major Peck for their humane interests in those lads who served their country at time of peril. May they always be able to continue this wonderful service. In the evening I had been invited to officiate at the installation of the newly elected officers of Meriden Chapter. Dept. Com. Clyde Beckwith's term of office expired the following day, so it was with a great deal of pleasure in having Clyde assist me. That old reliable P.N. Com. Ben Bourn put in his appearance, so he was immediately put into service as Sergt.-at-Arms. Ben knows all the tricks so everything clicked with order and despatch. Thanks again Ben and Clyde for assisting me. Meriden has chosen Clarence Roys as their leader for this year. I am expecting their membership to top the 100 mark. Clarence has long been a servant to both the Meriden Chapter and the State Dept. and will make a great commander. Get behind your commander Meriden and give him your loyal support.

Sunday, April 16th, I was privileged to visit the Veterans' Hospital at Newington. One of our own boys, Joe Tracey is a patient there and he was pleased to see someone from the old YD. He is being treated fine and is coming along nicely. Keep your chin up, old timer, and you will soon be your good old self again. In the afternoon I journeyed to Willimantic, where I was privileged to install the new officers for the State Department of Conn. P.D. Com. Clyde Beckwith has been a hard and loyal worker. His department has shown an increase in membership of approximately 3½% and his department was the only one to bring in a new chapter. Thanks muchly, Clyde, for a fine job well done. Dept. Com. Fred V. Hirsch is an old timer at organization work. He is full of pep and vim and we are expecting big things from his department this coming year.

In closing I want to take this opportunity of thanking P. Dept. Com. Clyde Beckwith, P. Com. Henry Dube, P. Com. Harvey Ellis, P. Com. Bill Loring, Com. Lew Wintner, Com. Dave Davidson and Phil Maloney for making it possible for me to attend these various meetings. I, also, wish to thank P. Com. Eben Dikes and Capt. Ashley Griffin as well as Charlie Hall for their gracious hospitality. Each of you have contributed much to Y.D.V.A. and I am deeply grateful to you.

— Bill Forsyth.
National Commander.

N. Y. Convention Information

The 25th National Convention of the Yankee Division Veterans' Association will be held in NEW YORK, June 24th and 25th. It will mark the first time that a National Convention has been held outside of New England. The New York Chapter has undertaken this job with full knowledge that conditions are far from normal and hope that all members of the Y.D.V.A. will cooperate. It is our sincere wish that the Convention be largely attended.

The Convention will be held in most part at the COMMODORE HOTEL, adjacent to the Grand Central Station. Registration will start on Friday, June 23rd, and will continue through Saturday. The registration cost will be $2.00 for all members and $1.00 for wife or sweetheart. The committee asks that the registration blanks be returned accompanied by check or money order not later than June 15th.

The New York Chapter is relying entirely on this registration to pay expenses and it is vital that we have the cooperation of every member to assist us in meeting our expenditures.

Unlike New England, the New York Chapter cannot appeal for funds from the city government nor is it possible to sell advertising unless we are an incorporated convention body.

A dinner will be served Saturday night at 8:00 o'clock in the Grand Ballroom of the COMMODORE HOTEL. The cost of the dinner is $3.50 which by the way, is the actual cost to the New York Chapter. It will NOT be a Stag affair.

Meetings will be held in the East Ballroom of the COMMODORE in the morning and afternoon of June 24th, Saturday.

Memorial Services will be held Sunday at the General Edwards Memorial, located at Fordham University.

New York is an ideal Convention City and right now it is livelier than was Paris of 1918. You will find plenty to do and the sky is the limit.

— Edward J. Nelson,
Vice Chairman.

A Bit of Poetry

A fine thing to remember
A better thing to do,
Work with the construction gang
And not the wrecking crew.

— Anonymous.
Sent in by Ralph Eastman.

Report of the Nominating Committee Y. D. V. A.

To all members of the YD Veterans Association:

Your Nominating Committee met in the YD Memorial Clubhouse, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass., on Sunday, April 16, 1944 and selected the following candidates for election to office at the Twenty-fifth Annual Convention in New York City, June 24-25th.

FOR THE OFFICE OF

National Commander
John W. Dunlap, (104th F.A.)
(Manchester N. H. Chapter)

National Chaplain
Rev. Thomas F. Temple, (Hdqrs. Train)
(New York Chapter)

National Treasurer
L. H. Redfield, (101st Engineers)
(Boston Chapter)

National Judge Advocate
Vine R. Parmelee, (101st M.G.B.)
(Hartford Chapter)

National Historian
John J. Goss, (103rd Amb.)
(Hartford Chapter)

National Americanization Officer
Nate D. Golden, (101st Inf.)
(Washington Chapter)

National Service Officer
Frank W. Coppinger, (101st Eng.)
(Boston Chapter)

National Vice Commander for Maine
Austin G. Lund, (101st Am. Train)
(Cumberland County Chapter)

National Vice Commander for Vermont
Lewis F. Delano, (102nd M.G.Bn.)
(Morrisville Chapter)

National Vice Commander for N. H.
Carl Morton, (103rd Inf.)
(Nashua Chapter)

National Vice Commander for Massachusetts
Emile J. Thibault, (101st F.A.)
(Salem Chapter)

National Vice Commander for Rhode Island
John J. Kelly, (103rd M.G.Bn.)
(Providence Chapter)

National Vice Commander for Connecticut
Fred V. Hirsch, (102nd F.H.)
(New Haven Chapter)

National Vice Commander for Dept. U. S.
Pete Sady, (104th Inf.)
(Detroit Chapter)

Three Additional Members
National Executive Committee

William E. Bergin, (103rd F.A.)
(Kent County Chapter, R. I.)

Forrest J. Drury, (101st San. Tr.)
(Manchester Chapter, N. H.)

J. Fred Shaw, (103rd Inf.)
(Lewiston Chapter, Me.)

Above candidates respectfully submitted:
Benjamin A. Bourn, Chairman, (Conn.)
Joseph G. Abair, (Vt.)
Austin F. Appleby, (Mass.)
Eugene Dugas, (N. Hampshire)
Hazen O. Hagar, (Maine)
Ralph A. Turgeon, (U. S.)
Ralph H. Whitman, (R. I.)

The above slate of officers selected, for presentation at the National Convention to be held in New York City, was unanimous by the five members of the committee attending the meeting. We sincerely trust our selections meet with your approval.

— Ben Bourn, P.N.C.,
Chairman.

Attend National Convention, New York City, June 24-25

"CALL OF THE CONVENTION"

To All Active and Life Members of the YD Veterans Association:

The Twenty-fifth Annual Convention of the Association will convene in the Ball Room of the Hotel Commodore, New York, N. Y., on Saturday, June 24, 1944 at 11:00 A. M., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, to transact any and all business which may properly come before the legislative body of the Yankee Division Veterans Association.

Any person eligible to active membership, whose dues for the current year shall have been received prior to the opening of said Convention shall be entitled to one vote on any question to come before the Convention.

WILLIAM A. FORSYTH,
National Commander.

H. GUY WATTS,
National Secretary.

Members of New York Chapter Attention!

April 15, 1944

Dear Comrade:

Did you hear the "Good News"? Well the National Convention of our Y. D. V. A. will be held here in New York City, on Saturday and Sunday, June 24-25. Headquarters will be in the Hotel Commodore, 42nd Street and Lexington Avenue. The various Vice Chairmen and the Committees are doing a wonderful job so far. Won't you come to the meeting and help out just a little bit. General Convention Chairman Ralph Turgeon and Commander Fred Brown want to hear your views.

The next meeting of the Chapter will be held on Tuesday Evening, April 25th at 8:00 P.M. sharp, at the Prince George Hotel, 14 East 28th Street, New York City.

The National Convention Committee will meet at 7:00 P.M. immediately before the Chapter meeting. All Committee members are urged to attend this important meeting.

The Chapter extends to all our members the privilege of *Advanced Registration.* Send yours in as soon as possible to Convention Treasurer William H. Howie 43-17 - 149th Street, Flushing, Long Island, N. Y. The "Fee" for members is $2.00 and their ladies $1.00. Convention "Dinner" reservations are $3.50 per plate. We have a swell "Program" arranged, so won't you be with the Gang on Tuesday, April 25th at the meeting.

Hope to see you there. Bring Beret.

— Harold B. F. Lonergan,
Secretary.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION OF YD VETERANS ASSOCIATION.

The text of the following proposed Amendment to the constitution of the Yankee Division Veterans Association are hereby made an integral part of the Call for the Twenty-fifth Annual Convention thereof, in accordance with Article XVIII of the Constitution which reads as follows: Section 1. This Constitution may be amended or repealed by any National Convention by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided due notice of the proposed action shall have been given in the call of the Convention.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

That Section 3, of Article VII be amended to read the same as was adopted at the Hartford Convention, June 23, 1939, except for the word Associate: The Amendment to now read, There shall be no further Honorary Membership in this Association as a whole, but any Chapter thereof shall be permitted to elect Honorary Members of their own Chapter only, subject to the approval of each such election by the National Executive Committee.

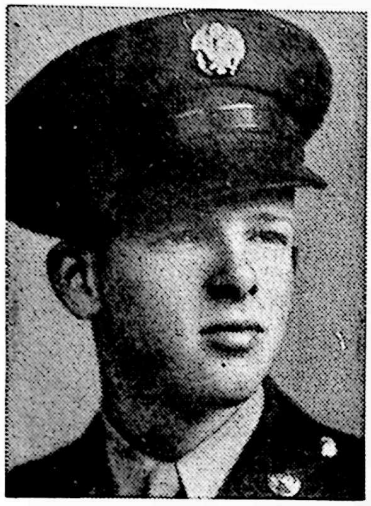
Action of National Executive Committee: Unanimously approved for ratification.

A. P. O.

Gilbert Garnett, F Battery, 102nd F.A., writes he's signing up again for membership, encloses a check and says, "My youngster, C. Douglas enlisted at 17, at Rhode Island, took his basic with a Tank Destroyer Battalion in Texas and is now on the West Coast awaiting orders."

Attend National Convention, New York City, June 24-25

YD SONS IN SERVICE



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Maj. Ray Bush, Hq. VI A.C., APO 306, PMNY. (Med., 102nd Inf.).
Capt. Geo. W. Cobb, Hq. M.AT.S. APO 512, PM NY. (A, 101st F.A.).
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Maj. Clarence H. Walsh, C. Sur. Office APO 887 PMNY (104 F.H.).
C.M.M. Benjamin R. Woodbury, USS Vestal, FPOSF (F-103 Inf.).

Nashua, N. H. Aux. Has Election

YDVA auxiliary elected Mrs. Annie Lumbard president at the March meeting in Grand Army hall, Monday evening and named a committee of three, Mrs. Lumbard, Mrs. Mabel Hamlin and Mrs. Antoinette Morton to plan for the installation.

Others elected were, senior vice president, Mrs. Alice LaFlame; junior vice, Mrs. Mabel Hamlin; secretary, Mrs. Antoinette Morton; treasurer, Mrs. Dorothy Williams; chaplain, Miss Victoria Morton; conductress, Mrs. Mattie Coffey; color bearer, Mrs. Lillie Raby; trustees, Miss Olive Coffey and Mrs. Vivian Harriman; guard, Miss Regina Labombarde.

Mrs. Morton conducted the business meeting when members voted to supply cigarettes for hospitalized veterans. Mrs. Lumbard was appointed to serve on the general Memorial Day committee and other appointments included, chairman of April 24 whist, Miss Coffey and penny sale at the next meeting, Mrs. Alice LaFlame.

Special awards were, door contest award, Mrs. E. T. Russell; centerpiece, Mrs. Leontine Carroll; mystery, Mrs. Mattie Coffey and attendance contest, Mrs. Regina Labombarde.

Whist chairman for the party was Mrs. Alice LaFlame.

"FOREVER IN THEIR YOUTH"

When young men die to make men free, in truth,
They will live forever in their youth.
The wind — the rain — the desert — or the foam
Whispers a requiem heard by them alone.
They will not read of their exploits bold,
Nor hear the story of the fight retold.
They only lie in dreamless sleep
'Neath the earth or in the rolling deep.
But, if they died to make men free, in truth,
They SHALL live forever, in their Youth.

— John H. Smith,
F Co., 101st Inf.

Cumberland County Chapter Officers and Members

Front, seated—Commander, Oliver C. Dudley, Co. K 103 Inf.; Dept. Commander, Joseph W. Melanson, Co. B 103 Inf.; Capt. William H. Lynch, Veterinary Unit, 103 F. A. and the oldest living YD man; Past Commander, Earl A. Howard, Division Headquarters; Vice-Commander, Mishel Kahill, Co. C 103 Inf.

Second row: Past Dept. Commander, Hazen O. Hagar, Co. F 103 Inf.; Preston J. Gilpatrick, Co. E 101 Eng.; Trustee, Garold T. Cressey, Co. C 103 Inf.; Past Commander, Austin G. Lund, Co. F 101 Amm.Train; Trustee, Carl C. Petersen, Co. C 101 Eng.; Everett F. Burnell, Co. F 101 Eng.

Third row, Harold H. Rutter, 101 Trench Mortar Battery; Sergeant-at-Arms, George K. Savage, Co. K 103 Inf.; Kenneth L. Wheeler, Co. C 101 Eng.; Past Commander, and present Secretary, James T. Cunningham, 101 F. A.; Chaplain, Michael Molino, Co. B 103 Inf.

A. P. O.

Colonel Bernard N. Gorfinkle, formerly on the Staff of General Edwards in the Division Judge Advocates office has run into a great number of the YD lads in travelling through New England as Regional Field Supervisor of the War Manpower Commission.

WASHINGTON PRESS DOING GRAND JOB

Our printers are performing a miracle in getting DOINGS out on time in spite of difficulties incident to the times.

They have yet to complain but in an endeavor to help them we now request that all copy be in by the 15th to give them more time to set and revise proofs.

Our sincere thanks to them. — The Editor.

MEMBERSHIP STANDING

***Comparison of 1943-1944**

	DEPT. OF ME.	
24	Cumberland	26
1	Farmington	1
27	Lewiston	30
25	Waterville	13
21	At Large	21
98		91

	DEPT. OF N. H.	
4	Concord	6
3	Franklin	1
2	Keene	5
9	Manchester	12
24	Nashua	26
0	Rochester	0
0	Triangle	23
8	At Large	9
50		82

	DEPT. OF VT.	
23	Brattleboro	11
0	Burlington	0
7	Montpelier-Barre	17
1	Rutland	1
0	St. Albans	0
0	Morrisville	0
4	At Large	4
35		33

	DEPT. OF MASS.	
23	Beverly	2
319	Boston	300
2	Concord	36
6	Brockton	7
30	Danvers	24
71	Fitchburg	74
1	Foxboro	4
26	Haverhill	17
1	Holyoke	4
15	Lawrence	0
4	Lowell	15
139	Lynn	87
3	Marlboro	0
11	Milford	27
1	New Bedford	0
0	Reading	23
8	Salem	35
63	Springfield	54
84	Worcester	108
46	At Large	54
850		871

	DEPT. OF R. I.	
81	Apremont	80
7	Kent County	12
47	Providence	118
0	At Large	0
135		210

	DEPT. OF CONN.	
19	Bridgeport	40
110	Bristol	111
123	Hartford	110
36	Manchester	42
39	Meriden	34
3	Middletown	0
24	New Britain	11
66	New Haven	94
2	New London	0
22	Norwalk	18
16	Stamford	13
3	Torrington	21
3	Valley	0
0	Wallingford	17
6	Waterbury	6
35	Willimantic	19
0	Groton-Stonington	14
2	At Large	1
529		551

	DEPT. OF U. S.	
3	Chicago	1
0	Cleveland	11
7	Denver	0
21	Detroit	11
4	Los Angeles	6
68	New York	89
19	Philadelphia	7
23	Washington	20
37	Life Members	37
76	At Large	69
1938	GRAND TOTAL	2089

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Letters to the Editor

ARE YOU GOING TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION?

Then read this! . . . .

The New York Chapter has accepted the responsibility to put on the 25th National Convention which will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 24th and 25th, 1944.

Your Convention Committee were fortunate to get one of the best hotels in New York where all the activities will take place — a hotel capable of handling large numbers not only for the meetings but for banquets. And as for location the Commodore Hotel is without doubt the best located hotel in New York City. It is directly across from the Grand Central Station. For those who are not familiar with railroad facilities we want to point out that nearly all trains coming in from New England come in at the Grand Central Station. However, there are also a good number of trains that come in over Hell Gate Bridge, right into the Pennsylvania Station. And so to avoid any inconvenience we suggest that you check with your station master where your train arrives — but make sure you pick out trains going to the Grand Central Station.

REGISTRATIONS —

On the back cover of this issue is a form for your convenience and which is self explanatory. The price of registration is $2.00 each for men or women. This year your convention committee is depending solely on the money derived from registrations to defray all operating expenses. There will be no canvassing for "ads" and "cuts" for a Convention number as has been the custom at all other conventions held in New England.

We know that you will all understand why this would be impracticable. Along with the registration we are incorporating a form for reservations for the Banquet, which will take place at 8 P. M. on Saturday night, June 24th. The ladies are invited. The cost of the Banquet will be $3.50 per plate. And incidentally it might interest you to know that that's just exactly our net cost. As we stated before, we are depending solely on registrations. And—another important items is—that no Banquet tickets will be sold to anyone unless a registration receipt is shown. It is our belief that this would be fair to everyone.

IMPORTANT: Banquet reservations will be closed on Saturday, June 17th. Our reason for the dead line is that with present conditions, the hotel authorities insist on knowing the number of persons to be fed. Not only that but they also demand the money (one week) in advance. While it might be possible to increase our reservations for the banquet at a last moment's notice, we know that any number over 25 will not be accepted by the hotel. Therefore you can readily see the necessity for your sending both your advance registration and the Banquet money without delay.

At the Nominating Committee meeting which was held in Boston on Sunday, April 16th, it was recommended that all Chapters appoint a man for advance registrations for the Convention. This would make the Convention Committee's work much easier, to have one man from each chapter make all reservations with the Treasurer of the Convention Committee.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

In the April issue of YANKEE DOINGS you were notified of the prices prevailing at the Hotel Commodore. We are told by the management of the Hotel Commodore that their lowest priced single rooms of $3.50 and up will be subject to confirmation as these particular rooms are eagerly snapped up by the servicemen. And while we cannot give you any definite assurances, we think that these rooms will go to the early birds who send in their reservations. So don't wait too long. We do not look for any difficulties on the $6.50 and up group of rooms. As you know it is not that the rooms in New York are better than in your own best hotels but the difference is just in the City. After all there is only ONE New York.

All chapters will receive cards for room reservations for the Hotel Commodore. Your genial National Secretary Guy Watts has volunteered to send these out to the various chapters. When you get these cards be sure and send them in promptly — the hotel will then confirm your reservation. If in the event something unforeseen happens after you have made your room reservation and which will prevent your attending the Convention the Hotel management will be very grateful to you if you will promptly notify them of your cancellation. It has always been a general practice in the hotel business that rooms (not paid for but reserved) and not taken up by 6 P. M. of the day wanted shall be rented to others.

In closing, may we of the Convention Committee express to you all our desire to make your stay in New York a pleasant one. We can't honestly say that we are going to give you the finest convention you've ever had, because you know and we know that a great many activities will be missing that under normal times would add a real atmosphere to any Convention. So we are going to do the next best thing, namely: A real place for the Convention to hold its meetings — good rooms and a real banquet.

SURPRISE: We are not in a position to give you the names of our principal speakers, but you can be assured that we shall do everything within our means to obtain speakers of national importance.

— RALPH TURGEON,
Chairman National Convention Committee.

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Letters to the Editor

Bear River, Nova Scotia.
March 29, 1944.

Dear Editor:

I am enclosing $2.00 P. O. money order for dues, Y.D.V.A., making 25 years continuous membership.

While in Halifax sometime ago for an examination at Camp Hill Hospital, I had the opportunity of calling on your old friend and YD vet, Fred Wrenn, of the U. S. Immigration service. Was also a guest of the Corwallis Branch of the Canadian Legion at the Lord Nelson Hotel while a patient at the hospital and had a most enjoyable evening.

I am an associate member of the Canadian Legion here in Bear River and last summer was elected delegate and attended the Provincial Convention held at New Glasgow.

I am at present serving as a Corporal in the Reserve Army and get quite a kick out of attending camp. I tried to enlist in the Veterans' Guard but was rejected on account of my wounds.

Best regards to the boys.

— EVERETT P. CHALMERS.,
Formerly Hdqtrs. Co. I.

Lisbon Falls, Maine.

Dear Editor:

Am enclosing my belated dollar for the Xmas cards which I did not use this year as I have been in bed at home and in the hospital since last October. Am on the mend now and hope to be selling wool in about 6 weeks more. I have managed to carry on some business during my illness. Hope to have the Lewiston YD down here some night before long.

The Lewiston and Lisbon boys (YD) did not forget me and called to see me and brought baskets of fruit, etc. Everyone has been fine to me and I have had over 150 different visitors not counting those who have called three and four times. Well, no matter how bad off we are there are always those who are worse off and so we have a lot to be thankful for.

When I was at the Mass. Mem. Hospital, I met an old YD man, Bill Cheney of Nashua, N. H., Supply Co. and Co. I, 103rd. He has lost two boys in this war. Look him up as he is a possible member. One of my boys, Richard, is in Officers school at Fort Knox and Elliott Jr. is at Chapel Hill in the Naval Aviation and the third, David, is in High School and is in the State Guard. The old man is still about 4-F and then some. Am down stairs every day but it will be six weeks before I will be on the road again.

With best regards,

— ELLIOTT K. HALE.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

Nat. Commander: William A. Forsyth, 202 Susquehanna Rd., Abington, Pa.
National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Dep't. Commander: J. W. Melanson, 28 Lawn Ave., Portland, Me.
Dep't. Secretary: Elton P. Walker, 94 Beckett St., Portland, Maine

PORTLAND
Cumberland County Chapter
Commander: Earl A. Howard
15 Wood St., Portland, Me.
Secretary: Austin G. Lund
168 Franklin St., Portland, Me.

While on a visit in Montpelier, Vt., a few weeks ago I had a fine talk with Joe Abair at his office and although he was very busy, he is the same YD Joe, and will take time to talk shop on YD matters with any of us. Also had the pleasure of calling on Merrill Harris and Dick Jerome, two buddies I hadn't seen since the day we were discharged, twenty-five years ago.

On Thursday evening, March 30th, the following Chapter officers met at the home of Commander and Mrs. Earl A. Howard in Portland — Melanson, Lund, Dudley, Hagar, Walker, Kahill and Cunningham. Organization matter was talked over and then Mrs. Howard invited us into her dining room where we found her table heaped with such tempting goodies as no man could resist, in fact, we didn't even try to resist, just unbuckled our belts and filled up. We all felt sorry for Kahill as he ate so much he couldn't rebuckle his belt and had to walk home holding his pants up. Many thanks, Mrs. Howard, for the swell feed.

On Friday evening, April 7th we met in the Columbia Hotel for our April meeting and annual election of officers. Also had our picture taken to be published in this issue of DOINGS. Newly elected officers are as follows:

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Commander, Oliver C. Dudley; Vice-Commander, Mishel Kahill; Secretary, James T. Cunningham; Treasurer, Hazen O. Hagar; Sergeant-at-Arms, George K. Savage; Chaplain, Michael Molino; Trustee for two years, Garold T. Cressey and Trustee for one year, Carl C. Petersen. They are a very capable slate of officers and we look forward to an interesting Chapter year. Past Dept. Comm. Elton P. Walker has lately spent several days in Togus for a general physical checkup.

Members who have paid their dues for this year, but could not get in to the meeting or to have their picture taken are: Samuel A. Kimball, George L. Campbell, Carl D. Leonard, Alden A. Dodge, George R. Samson, Arthur J. Lambert, Dr. Geo. A. Tibbetts, Elton P. Walker, Elmer I. Garsoe and Arthur I. Grossman.

—Austin G. Lund.

LEWISTON

"Androscoggin Valley Chapter"

Commander: Eugene A. Beaudoin
140 Summer St., Lewiston, Me.
Secretary: Norman S. Thomas
150 Sabattus St., Lewiston, Me.

The Androscoggin Valley Chapter held its March meeting on the 30th at their new camp, Parsons' Mill, Auburn, with a business meeting followed by an oyster stew supper served by "Mess Sergeant" Lin Jewett, who "before coupons" was known as "the hamburg king."

Notice was taken that Commander Beaudoin, a lieutenant in the Lewiston Fire Department had been elected president of the recently organized union of Lewiston Firemen, who have applied to the AFL for membership.

A social meeting to be held in the near future was selected as the occasion when honors would play the Chapter's two bowling teams. The YD varsity team in the fastest pin picking league in the two cities ended up the season in fifth place in the ten team Commercial Circuit to win a five dollar cash prize. Two members, Red Arnold and Clair Syphers, collected cash for their individual records, according to the report of Captain J. Fred Shaw. The Junior Varsity team captained by Walter Sawtell is entered in the YMCA league and as this is written was leading the league in the third round. C. Arnold, also a member of the club set a new three string total of 367 for not only the league but also the alley record.

In preliminaries in the club cribbage tournament, the team of Shaw and George Ricker, champion of the YD mule skinners, were upset after three hard close battles, dropping the rubber game to Sawtell and Beaudoin.

J. Fred Shaw reported that Elliott Hale of Lisbon Falls had returned home and was much improved in health after several months spent in Boston and Lewiston hospitals during which he underwent a surgical operation.

Following the supper and cribbage competition Steve Farrell gave a demonstration of card tricks and then proceeded to show the boys a bit about the science of stud.

Eugene Huard, Jesse Farnum and Norman Thomas were elected a committee of three to take charge of the PP boats (push and pull) which are to be entered in the club regatta on the pond in front of the club house, next summer.

Walter Sawtell was recently elected quartermaster of the Capt. Frank W. Hulett Post of the VFW in Auburn, of which he is a past commander.

—Fuller Dope.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dep't. Commander: Gilbert Young, 146 Canal St., Nashua, N. H.
Dep't. Secretary: Eugene LaFlame, 39 Newbury St., Nashua, N. H.

MANCHESTER

Commander: Fred A. Hoyt
95 River Rd., Manchester, N. H.
Secretary: Walter B. Smith
10 W. Merrimack St., Manchester, N. H.

The regular meeting of the Manchester chapter YDVA was held on Sunday afternoon April 2, 1944 at 4 o'clock in VFW Hall. The meeting was called to order by Commander Geo. Wingate with quite a few members present, also four members from the Nashua chapter, consisting of State Comdr. Gilbert Young, State Secretary Eugene LaFlame, State Sergeant-at-Arms, Fred Walker, and comrade Carl Morton.

Comrades John J. Taylor was reported as convalescent at Veterans Hospital in White River Junction, Vt., and Eugene Dugas confined at his home.

At this time the meeting was turned over to the State Commander Gilbert Young for installation of the new incoming officers of Manchester chapter for 1944 or to April 1, 1945, assisted by the State Sgt.-at-Arms, Fred Walker.

The newly elected officers are as follows: Commander, Fred A. Hoyt; Sen. Vice Com., Raymond J. Beauchesne; Jr. Vice Com., John Bledberg; Secretary,

Walter B. Smith; Treasurer, Eustis Perron; Sgt.-at-Arms, Arthur Gilmore; Chaplain, Leon Tarbell; Trustee for 3 years, Geo. Wingate.

The regular meetings from now on of the chapter will be held at the Manchester Post No. 79 of the American Legion, on the first Sunday of each month at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Meeting adjourned at 5.30 with the new commander, Fred A. Hoyt in the chair.

—W. B. Smith, Sec.

NASHUA
Commander: Eugene LaFlame
163A East Hollis St., Nashua, N. H.
Secretary: Carl Morton
9 Sands St., Nashua, N. H.

There seems to be some discussion up this way as to why New Hampshire has not been in DOINGS so here is trying again.

Just had a State meeting and elected officers for the new year. The Dept. was the guest of the Nashua chapter and their Auxiliary and they gave us a wonderful time. After the meeting the Nashua chapter installed their officers in a joint installation with their Auxiliary. Those girls sure do things up brown and that chicken supper was something to talk about.

The Dept. also installed their officers for the new year. The installing officers were our old Past Nat. Com. Elliott Carter who has just returned from the Army as a Captain and Past Dept. Com. Gilbert (Slim) Young. The officers installed were:

Commander, Carl L. Morton; S. V. Com., Dr. Forrest Drury; J.V. Com., Fred Walker; Treasurer, Leo Grandmaison; Secretary, George Simoneau; Chaplain, Gilbert Young; Historian, Earle William; Sgt.-at-Arms, Walter Parker.

WASHINGTON COUNTY CHAPTER

Our regular monthly meeting was held on Sunday evening, March 26th at the home of our Commander, James Mayette. Eight members and their wives sat down to a lovely supper served by the hostess. Following the supper the boys adjourned to the front room to open their meeting, which was done in the usual manner. The first thing that took place was that every member present paid up his 1945 dues. The membership committee is working hard on the old members and at the same time are trying to pick up a few new ones. There are eight or ten YD boys in this town whom I think never belonged to the YD.

Relief Com. reported on one member, Walter Knutson, 101st Am. Train, that he was back in the Vet's Hospital at White River. This buddy has been laid up now nearly three years and still some of us who can walk and work every day of the week are not satisfied.

At our next regular meeting as of April 30th will be the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year. At last I think "old man winter" has left us up here in this neck of the woods, as the snow has practically all gone except that in the woods — still quite cold here. —R. A. L., Sec.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: Emile Thibault, R-16 Chase St., Salem, Mass.
Secretary, Charles W. Davis, 21 Holten St., Danvers, Mass.

The Mass. Dept. YDVA held their meeting at the quarters of the Salem Chapter, Salem, Mass., Sunday, April 2. The meeting was called to order by Commander Crain at 3.30. Colors were advanced followed by prayer. Motion made and seconded, carried, that the usual order of business be suspended and to proceed with the installation of the newly elected officers. PNC Austin Appleby was introduced as the installing officer, assisted by Past Dept. Sgt.-at-Arms, Charles Ledger. The following were then duly installed to serve as Dept. officers for the coming year:

Commander, Emile Thibault, Salem Chapter; Sen. Vice, Rudolph Heftye of Lynn Chapter; Jr. Vice, Joe Watton of Lawrence Chapter; Secretary, Charles Davis, Danvers Chapter; Treasurer, Sam Farrel, Fitchburg Chapter; Judge Advocate, Clyde Elliot, Worcester Chapter; Chaplain, Harry Block, Worcester Chapter; Sgt.-at-Arms, Fred Creed, Beverly Chapter; Service Officer, Frank White, Boston Chap.

PNC Appleby then turned the gavel over to Commander Thibault who thanked the boys for the honor of being elected as their commander and said he would do all he could to build up the YD and mentioned the possibilities of establishing new chapters, mentioning Gloucester as one place where a chapter could be formed.

Comrade Mackey, who is aspiring to the office of State Commander of the Am. Legion was then introduced and thanked the boys for their support in the coming election and stressed the need of veteran legis-

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lation to assist the vets of this war when they come home. He said now was the time to make a start, not wait until they come home.

PNC Appleby was then called on for a few remarks. Guy Watts, Nat. Sec. was called on to give a few remarks regarding the next National Convention and he stated that it would be held in New York City the latter part of June, Hotel Commodore would be headquarters and urged all to send in reservations as early as possible. He said it would be toned down somewhat due to war conditions but that there would be a banquet at around $3 to $4 ahead registration would be $2. ladies welcome. Also spoke on dues and said they were coming in very good so far. Old members seem to be coming in strong. All information regarding convention will appear in DOINGS.

PNC Ray Doucette was called on and stated that he would have attended more Dept. meetings but lack of gas coupons kept him from traveling, said he could make it if meetings were held in this vicinity. He wished the new commander success and anything he could do to help the commander was his at the asking. He even promised him a milk shake at the next convention in N. Y. Comrade Chet Grant, PC of the State Dept. Am. Legion was then called on and spoke on vet legislation for the veterans of the present war. Mayor Coffey was then escorted to a seat on the Commander's right. Guy Watts spoke on receiving a letter from Comrade Mike La Doucette who is in Iceland and expressed the pleasure he gets in reading Yankee Doings and hoped that secretaries would keep on sending in news of activities of the different chapters.

Mayor Coffey was then called on and he expressed his pleasure in being present and welcomed the boys to Salem. Said he always was interested in the YD and would do all he could to help when help was needed. He always enjoyed attending YD affairs and hoped that he would always have the pleasure of fraternizing with them.

Commander McHugh of Salem Chapter and the new City Councillor was then called on and spoke of what was being done in Salem on rehabilitation of Veterans he being a member of that committee expressed his appreciation for the fine support the mayor was giving him on this work.

PC Crain was called on and said he would continue to work for the betterment of the YD and would assist the new commander in building up the YD in this state. The following guests were then asked to stand and be recognized: Bill Cass, Comm. VFW, Capt. Wheelock of the State Guard Veterans, PC Maxwell of the Reading Chapter and now in service again in the Navy, Mrs. Cass of the VFW Auxiliary, Mrs. Heftye of the Lynn Auxiliary and Mrs. St. Pierre of the Salem Auxiliary YD.

Commander Thibault asked Comrade Grant about the forming of a chapter in Gloucester and Comrade Grant stated that a peculiar situation existed in Gloucester in that a good many members of G Co. of the Old Eight MVM were transferred before the YD sailed for France to the Pioneers and under the present By-Laws of the YD these men were not eligible to YD membership and unless these men were allowed to join the YD the remaining members of G Co. would not form a chapter unless they were taken in, but he promised he would see what could be done. Commander Thibault then called on Guy Watts, Nat. Sec., asking him if any action regarding allowing former members of YD to become members was contemplated at the next National Convention and he said he believed it would again be brought up for discussion.

Commander Thibault then asked for invitations for the next Dept. meetings and Commander Bailey of the Lynn chapter invited the Dept. to Lynn if no other chapter asked for it. It was then voted to hold the next meeting at Lynn, Sunday, May 7, Keith Bldg., YD quarters across from the Mfg. Nat. Bank. Discussion ensued regarding having more Dept. meetings and it was finally decided to let this matter lay with the executive committee and the chapters for approval. Roll Call of chapters showed Boston, Beverly, Danvers, Fitchburg, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lynn, Reading, Salem, Springfield and Worcester represented. Meeting adjourned at 5 followed by a buffet lunch served by the ladies of the Salem Auxiliary.

—C. W. Davis, Sec.

BOSTON

Commander: Edward A. Connor
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The April Smoker was held on Thursday, April 20th with a very good attendance. The Battle of Tarawa was very interesting. And another good film was the 'World at War'.

A letter was received recently from 1st Sgt. Ed Malone formerly of B Co., 101 Inf., now with the 285th Ordnance Co., in the Hawaiian Islands that his son Jack who he has not seen for over two years walked in on him recently. Jack enlisted as soon as he was seventeen in the Navy and made a trip to Scotland and since then has been in the South Pacific. He has had three ships sunk under him and has seen plenty of action. Ed says that he almost passed out from the shock when the boy came in on him. They spent a very pleasant week together. Ed also has another son in the Air Corps taking Pilot training.

It was also good to receive a letter from Major Marcil (Mike) Ladouceur, formerly of D Co. 104th Inf., from Ireland. Mike, while in England met Ted Noyes (C Co. 104 Inf.) now Captain in the Intelligence and just missed seeing Jake Kessler (H Co. 104 Inf.) Also had a card from Jim Noonan, S.K. 2/c USN., formerly K Co., 101 Inf., who is in the Hawaiian Islands also.

Lt. Col. Harold J. Smith (101 Signal) was a recent visitor at the Club. Harold just returned from the Burma-India front after spending over a year there and in China. He expects to be stationed in this country now, probably in Indianapolis. He is with the Air Corps.

YD Auxiliary

The regular monthly meeting of the Yankee Division Auxiliary was held Wednesday evening, April 12.

The Bridge and Whist party held March 28th was a success but we would have enjoyed seeing more of our members there. A number of the YD Club members came in and helped to make the evening an enjoyable one.

There is to be another party at the YD Club on the evening of April 25th and our President, Catherine Reimer, and co-chairmen Hazel Murphy and Lillian Kellen hope to see a goodly number of members and their friends there.

Let us one and all help to put these activities over in a big way, so that our YD boys in hospitals will not be forgotten.

The Mystery Prize donated by Nonie Nugent was won by Lillian Kellen.

CONCORD
"Minute Man Chapter"
Commander: William L. McCarthy
407 Main St., West Concord, Mass.
Secretary: Michael J. Dee

Main St., West Concord, Mass.
—Lillian M. Kellen.

Well, we meet again, Tuesday the eleventh at Bedford, Tony YD's restaurant. Commander McCarthy opened the meeting at 8.30 p.m. with twenty-eight members present from Acton, Alaska, Ayer, Bedford, Concord, Lexington, Winthrop and and Washington, Maine. Emil Svenningsen use to take the prize for the longest distance away and coming to the meetings but he lost out last night as Gunnar Hemmingson came down from Alaska doing 5600 miles to get here. I don't believe Gunnar put himself out just to come to the meeting but he was home after seventeen months up in the cold country and we were lucky to have him with us. More about Gunnar later.

The usual order of business was gone through with Mooney butting in every now and then and to keep order Commander McCarthy appointed Gunnar acting Sgt.-at-Arms for the night but this did not stop Mooney.

Bernie Snee chairman of the dinner dance committee had plenty to say and will see that the party is a regular time, or else, expects about a hundred at it. Good luck, Bernie.

We had three guests at the meeting, the youngest was Cliff Day Jr., S/Sgt. who went out with the old Concord outfit and has been in the So. Pacific and is now home going to officers' training school. Good luck, boy, we are all pulling for you.

Hickie Isnor of Bedford was in, some of the old timers of Co. I remember Hickie, he left us in the last shindig and joined the navy but is still a YD in spirit and spirits.

Gunnar was introduced as some of the boys had never met him, he was an old Co. I man from away back and when the Reg. broke up Gunnar went to the 104th and was in France with the gang until they came home. Gunnar got an itchy foot and went into the Navy in this one and has been in Alaska for about seventeen months and this is his first time home, went in as a tight pants, C.M. 1/C and now wears the white hat of a chief. Gunnar was given the floor and gave quite a talk and brought out the fact that the boys up in Alaska like mail and more mail, this goes for the boys on every front, so keep the mail going it is a great morale builder.

Get on the Ball and if you know any of these boys drop them a line, let them know we are thinking of them.

Gunnar didn't get into any fighting and that made him sore. But he seen more cement in a year than he ever knew was in the world. Gunnar claims that in all his seventeen months in Alaska he has never spoken to a woman, this is not the same Gunnar of 1917 some one must have beat his time. There were about a hundred retreads with Gunnar and some were old YD men and they all got a chance to read the YD Doings. Gunnar passed his Mag. to the yeoman and he read about some of the old timers he knew in his home town in Vt. and got quite a kick out of it. Gunnar claims his boys were the best in the world and there motto was, "Can Do", and they did, under all conditions. When Gunnar returns he would like to go to China. WHY? It must be the women, huh. He was on censor board for three weeks censoring mail and some of it going through was a howl but when he got through with the pencil it looked like a patched quilt. Gunnar's old love is the Army but says they don't feed like the Navy and he sure likes his chow.

Cliff Day, Jr.. gave a short talk, he is not much like his old man, don't have the Bull that big nose has.

Letter read from Bob Poland who is a Lt. of MP's. in England, also one from "Pud McKenna" who is in Vets Hosp., 130 Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, N. Y. "Pud" would like to hear from any of the boys who have time to write. We are all pulling for you "Pud" and hope to see you at one of our meetings soon. Bring Tobin with you and Kiyi Hickie.

New member, Loran P. Tibbets 101 MG Co. Brought in by Mooney.

Of the members present there are thirteen sons in the service. Commander McCarthy leads the gang with three in, one in So. Pacific and two in U. S. Major Dee has two in, one in So. Pac. and one in U. S. Phil Kline has one in Alaska and one in Africa; Gunnar Hemmingson has one in Africa and one in Italy. Charlie Carton has one in U. S. and Emil Svenningsen has one in U. S. Let's know where the rest of them are.

Major Dee was in with his guard, Col. Dolan, Prof. O'Gradinski, McKeon and Falvey. The hospital showed with Snee, MacDonald, Mooney and Carlton.

Chapter voted to buy the new copy of Yankee Division History just off the press. Get your copy, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. $1.25 per copy.

Where were the Lincoln, Maynard and Wellesley boys. Why wait until the 30th of May to see the gang. Come up to a meeting once in awhile and meet us all together.

"DOO'S" are Due. Send them in, $3.00. Prof. O'-Gradinski will send you a little slip of paper with his name on it when he gets the Moola.

Pass your YD DOINGS around to a buddy, it will bring in a member. Try it and see if I am not right.

Forgot to mention Harold Clapp has two boys in the service, both in U. S.

Thanks, Tony, for the use of the room and a pat on the back for the hard working Jean. Don't know how you stand them, sometimes when they all want to eat at once and expect to be served before the other fellow.

The dinner will be all over when you get this Mag. but come to the next meeting May 9th and get all the dope from Bernie Snee, and the Professor will read you the report on all the "doe" he is holding.

Comrade Scofield and MacDonald got together. They were both in same Co. and had quite a talk about old times.

See you all May 9 and don't forget the Dues.

—Frederick H. Sullivan.

DANVERS
Commander: Paul Moore
5 Oak St., Danvers, Mass.
Secretary: Charles W. Davis
21 Holten St., Danvers, Mass.

Danvers Chapter held their March meeting at Mrs. Pike's Inn, Middleton, Wednesday, March 29. We had a fine turnout, 37 being present. We had as our guest for the evening, Col. George Dawson, Commanding Officer of the State Guard for this district. George, as he is familiarly known to all YD men has been a military man for the past thirty-five years. He should have been a YD man for he served with the old Eighth Reg. MVM and the Second Corps Cadets before the last World War, but he was not allowed to stay with the outfit but went to France with another division, but George has always felt he was a YD boy just like a good many others of our YD boys who were detached from the outfit and lost the opportunity to serve with the YD.

Well, Comrade Frank Marchant of B Co. 101st FA did a swell job with the punch bowl. He made up five gallons and boy did it go. We just managed to save a smell for our Commander, Paul Moore, who arrived late, and if you don't think Frank knows his liquors ask Fergy and a few of the boys who were there. From all the boys, Frank, we say thanks a lot for the hospitality. That's real YD spirit. We were glad to have Myron Hutchinson of the 102nd Med become a member of the chapter. Let's hope you attend all the meetings Myron. We had the usual chicken dinner followed by movies brought down by Corp. Carpenter of the U. S. Signal Corps. A swell guy.

Twenty-four paid their dues at the meeting and I trust that the rest will be in at the next meeting. We should have 45 to 50 members for 1944-5. That's my aim. We wound up last year with 43.

We now assess each member 10 cents at our meetings and the money goes to provide something for a son or daughter of chapter member serving in the armed service. Last meeting we collected $7.00 and it was voted to send a pen and pencil set to Leo Chase serving in the Pacific area for the past 18 months as a member of the 7th Marines. Leo is the son of Skimmy Chase E Batt. 101st FA. He has a brother in the Medical Det. stationed in England. Skimmy, as most of you know has lost both legs but boy can he smile. He sure can take it. We manage to bring him up to most of our meetings but sorry to say he has not been with us for the last two due to his legs cutting up on him, but we hope he can be with us at our next meeting. We donated $25 to the Red Cross, which is our

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usual yearly donation. Comrade Chas. Snyder, 103rd Mach. Gun Batt. was reported receiving treatment at the Chelsea Naval and Comrade Paul Gallivan is at Bedford. Paul served with E Batt. 101st FA. We trust they will soon be out again. Any YD boy visiting these hospitals drop in and say hello to them.

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 26 at Mrs. Pike's Inn, starting off with the usual HBW hour and the boys are generally there right on the dot. Well, why wouldn't they. We don't serve Doucette Thibault milk shakes, not that. Ray and Emile don't look as good as we do because they sure do thrive on Toose Milk Shakes full of pep and energy, but for me give me a HBW or a Frank Marchant any day.

Well, till next month, au revoir, see you in Worcester at the 104th Inf. reunion. I might add that we have no officers to elect for the duration as it was voted two years ago that the officers in during 1942 were drafted for the duration. There's a war on you know.

—C. W. Davis.

FITCHBURG
Commander: Urbain A. Riendeau
122 Laurel St., Fitchburg, Mass.
Secretary: Russell F. Aldrich
59 Fairview St., Fitchburg, Mass.

The April meeting of Fitchburg Chapter was held in St. George's Hall as usual, Tuesday evening, April 11th. After the opening ceremonies of advancing the colors, Commander Riendeau turned the meeting over to the Past Commanders. I'm proud to go on record and report that all Past Commanders of Fitchburg chapter were present.

PC Dan Moran acted as Commander and was assisted by the other Past Commanders as follows: — Charles Gougen, SVC, Tom Kennedy JVC, Tom Courcelle, Treas., "Geke" Shea, Secretary, Harold Crain, Chaplain, "Bud" Fisher, Sgt-at-Arms, and "Doe" Nelson as Trustee.

After eight years Dan can still do a good job as Commander.

In regards to membership, the Fitchburg chapter has a paid up membership to date of 73 members. Two new members joined last month, Frank Duprey and Philip Richards of the 104th Infantry and two new names were added this month, Carl Huntington, Supply Co. 102nd Inf. and James Meffen, Co. B 104 Infantry. We have a good start so let's try and make it 150 paid memberships for 1944. So, let's go.

Sorry to report that Comrade Sam Farrell, popular Treasurer of the Fitchburg Chapter and of the Dept. of Mass. collapsed from a heart condition while on the way to work, Saturday morning, April 1st. He was rushed to the Burbank Hospital where he is at present. He expects to be removed to his home shortly when he will do "bunk fatigue" for another month or so. His home address is 170 Prichard Street, Fitchburg, Mass. for those who care to send him a card or what have you.

The following committee was appointed to make plans to place a Cross at the base of the Memorial Flag pole properly inscribed with the name of each Fitchburg boy who has given his life in the present conflict, Comrades Tom Kennedy, Chas. Gougen, Geo. Callahan and John Maston. These crosses will be in place for Memorial Day.

Plans were also made to place wreaths on the First World War Memorials, on Memorial Day, by the following comrades, Dan Moran in Fitchburg, Arthur Robichaud in Leominster, Harry Linnell in Gardner and Bernard Brown in Townsend.

Mention was made by "Geke" Shea at this meeting of the "History of the Yankee Division" now being available to the public, it being published by the Battle Monuments Commission.

One of the most enjoyable features of the Yankee Doings is the very comprehensive report each month by our popular National Commander, "Bill" Forsyth. It's a feature that can very well be carried on by his successor.

Past Commander's Badges were presented in a very able manner by Acting Commander Dan Moran to PC Arthur "Doc" Nelson and PC Harold "Bud" Fisher. Comrade Harris of Worcester who served in Hdqrs of the 102nd FA was present as the guest of "Doc" Nelson.

The attendance prize was won by comrade Chas. Clohesy.

Following the meeting a bountiful repast was served by the entertainment committee, and I'm afraid that more than one belt had to be let out a couple of notches what with the food and thirst quenchers.

After the appetites were satisfied, movies of the landing on some of the Islands in the South Pacific were shown by Comrade Freddie Magny. The attendance was 54, showing that the comrades will turn out for a good evening's entertainment. One more meeting before Memorial Day.

—Russ Aldrich.

HAVERHILL
Commander: Ernest A. Meteyer
Old Groveland Rd., Bradford, Mass.
Secretary: W. Perry Tarleton
18 Chestnut St., Groveland, Mass.

As I prepare to put together the May write up for Yankee Doings, my thoughts go out to our departed comrades, for in the month of May, Memorial Day,

May 30th, brings to our memory the thoughts of the sacrifices made by our comrades in arms somewhere in France in 1918, also of our comrades who have gone to the great beyond since we were discharged at Camp Devens in April 1919, and this year we are very mindful of the sons of our YD comrades who have made the supreme sacrifice that we, in this good old U. S. A. might be able to continue our way of living, and that our children, who will be the citizens of tomorrow shall have a good and decent place in which to live.

It is with the above thoughts in mind that I most humbly dedicate this chapter write up for the month of May 1944 to the departed comrades of Haverhill Chapter YDVA and to the sons of YD veterans who have gone into the armed forces from greater Haverhill and have answered the last bugle call.

Following is a list of comrades of the 26th (Yankee Division) who were members of Haverhill Chapter YDVA at the time that they answered the last call:—

Chester A. Richardson, Co. F, 104 Inf.

Passed away at the YD Dugout on Feb. 4, 1940, following a State Dept. meeting, from a heart attack.

The second comrade to pass away was,
Joseph Francis
Supply Co. 102 F.A.
who served as a wagoner.

Comrade George Bean was the third Chapter member to pass away and that after a long illness. George served in Batt. A, 102 F. A. as a cook. Comrade Bean died in late May 1941, and was the first YD veteran in Haverhill to have a full YD military service. The firing squad was composed of members of Co. A, 182 Inf. who were stationed at Camp Edwards and were home on leave.

The fourth comrade to pass away was Patrick P. Hughes who was a veteran of the Spanish War as well as World War I. "Patty", as he was known to everyone, passed away at the Hale Hospital on April 27th, 1942. He served as First Sgt. in Batt. A, 102 F. A. Before he passed away comrade Hughes left a request for a YD service. That wish was fully carried out with the chapter using the full service, and for the first time having their own firing squad.

The most recent YD comrade to pass on was Frank Fortier, Co. F, 104 Inf. Frank had been a long sufferer, and finally passed away at Rutland in the winter of 1944. The funeral arrangements were under the direction of PC Lynch of the YD Chapter, with the Chapter Commander Ernest A. Meteyer in charge of the military services.

The first son of a YD veteran to make the supreme sacrifice in World War II was a young lad by the name of Furlong, son of John Howard Furlong, Batt. A, 102 F. A. Furlong was serving in the Naval Aviation service when he was killed.

The second son of a YD veteran to die in the service of his country was James Parker, Jr. whose daddy served in the supply company of the 102 F. A. Young Jimmie Parker as he was known to his many friends was in the Merchant Marine making his first trip on the U.S.S. Nevada when that ship went down. Jim was a grand kid, not quite 18, having graduated from Groveland High School only the year before.

The latest casualty of a son of a YD veteran, is Henry Sansousie, U. S. Marines. Henry answered the last call in March 1944 when the Marines went into the Marshall Islands. Henry was a great boy, because that is all he was, not 19 when he went. Before he entered the Marine Corps, he was a member of the YD Junior Drum Corps. Henry's father was Victor Sansousie, Batt. A, 102 F. A. At the time Henry enlisted he made his home with his mother, Mrs. Bertha Sansousie, who is a member of the YD Auxiliary.

On March 28th the Auxiliary invited the Chapter to be their guests for a get-together and after the regular Auxiliary meeting the whole gang sat down to a good old-fashioned fish chowder and when I say fish I mean fish, and plenty of it.

Very recently the city of Haverhill had a fire on the ground floor of the building where the Dugout is located and the Chapter suffered some loss which was very well adjusted by the insurance company, so we hope to make some much needed repairs in the very near future.

Well, here's looking forward to a good two-day convention in New York.

—W. Perry Tarleton.

LYNN
Commander: Robert E. Newman
9 Dana St., East Lynn, Mass.
Secretary: Edmund Trudell
67 Howard St., Lynn, Mass.

The newly elected officers of Lynn Chapter were duly installed by National Commander Bill Forsyth, Tuesday, April 11th at Oxford Club. PNC Austin Appleby acted as installing Sgt-at-Arms. Officers for the year are—

Commander, Robert Newman, who served with 103rd Infantry and Bob should have a big year, being a natural leader and very popular with his comrades.

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Senior Vice Commander is Christian Schacht, a 101st Infantryman who has been a real live wire for many years and Junior Vice Commander Lloyd Pitman, 102 F. A. who should do a great job on membership this year. With three such capable leaders, Lynn is assured of three fine years. Elected Treasurer for 13th year was PNC A. Raymond Doucette, Secretary, Edmond Trudell, Chaplain, Walter Smith, Sgt-at-Arms, Ivan Comeau, Historian, Herbert Weeks, Trustee of Trust Fund, Harold Guppy, Executive Committee, Thomas Curran, Richard Hennessey, Claude Hoag, Rudolph Heftye, George Merrill, William Eddows and Earl Bailey. Bill Forsythe did a grand job as did Austin who performed the individual job of installing Treasurer Ray. Committee assisting was Leslie Pugh, Robert Quinn, George Walton, Chester Adrien, Herbert Weeks and President of Aux. Beth Barnaby and her kind ladies of the Aux. who served luncheon. A large crowd attended and principal speech was made by Nat. Com. Bill Forsyth, who was very interesting in his resume of the 26th Division's proud record and also with his very cute assortment of stories. PNC's Austin Appleby and Ray Doucette made fitting remarks and short speeches were made by retiring Commander Earl Bailey, who was presented a YD plaque by Walter Smith on behalf of the Chapter. Earl had a great year and membership reached its highest peak. Other short remarks were made by State Dept. Com. Emile Thibault and State Representative Norman Folsom, also Commanders and Presidents of Post 291 and 6 Amer. Legion and Aux. Post 240 and 507 VFW and Aux. Com. Bert Narbis of Marblehead's Chaplain Rollins Post VFW and Aux., Leon Abbott Post and Aux. of Swampscott, Saugus Post and Aux. of Amer. Legion and VFW, Salem and Boston Chapters YDVA, Jewish War Vets and Aux., Spanish War Vets and Aux., Gold Star and World War Mothers and many others too numerous to mention. Entertainment concluded program, after which dancing was enjoyed by many, while others adjourned to the milk bar.

PC Walter Smith was general chairman and performed as Master of Ceremonies in grand style. A grand evening for a swell bunch of officers. Before the affair our Nat. Com. was met at Hotel Edison by Retiring Com. Earl Bailey, SVC S. Dept. Rudolph Heftye and PNC Ray Doucette and taken to dinner as our guest. Our regular monthly smokers are still bang-up affairs and are held last Tuesday of each month. One of our good members, Leander Maes received a tough blow this month when he received word that his son, Sgt. Charles Maes was killed in Africa while on special mission with Engineers. Plans are under way for Memorial Day when our Junior Drum and Bugle Corps will lead us again under direction of Harry Moore, Charlie Balcom and Robert Quinn. Lynn has now reached its highest peak in membership—270 and not through yet.

—Ray Doucette, PNC.

NEW BEDFORD
Commander: Louis Marcoux
34 Arlington St., New Bedford, Mass.
Secretary: Charles Bowden
55 Fruit St., New Bedford, Mass.

Our regular monthly smoker was held in Carpenter's Hall, Sixth Street, Tuesday evening, April 11.

Meeting got under way at 8 P. M. with Commander Marcoux presiding, in fact our Louie has not missed a meeting in his first turn of office, and that is one reason why we have put him back for another term. Keep up the good work Louie.

Chairman McDonnell of the membership committee reports about half the members have paid their dues which is a good showing so far.

The Drum Corps are coming along O.K. and it is hoped that everything will be ready for Memorial Day.

The usual refreshments and war pictures were shown and a good time was had by all. We again urge the comrades to try and come to the meetings and enjoy themselves, they miss some good times when they do not show up.

Our Bond raffle was a success and our comrade, Dr. A. B. Crowe, was the lucky winner of a bond. We were all pleased to see our Senior Vice Armand Duclos with us again and that he is on the mend again.

When this issue of DOINGS is printed we will have had our installation. But just for the records we are going to have our National Commander with us and we are going to sit down to a nice chowder supper with the usual fixings and refreshments. The next issue of DOINGS for the coming year will be written by our Past Commander Bill Barter who is going to put a lot of pep to his write ups (go to it Bill). We have some fine officers for the coming year, and we are out to get that 100 members or bust. The National Convention of the YD will be held in New York in June and it is hoped that quite a few of the members will be able to go to it.

We would like to see our old pal (Mussolini) Joe Gillow at the meetings as his pal (Adolph) Michaud is lonesome without him.

Wishing all the officers a successful year and hope that they obtain that 100 membership. See you all at the next meeting.

—C.A.B.

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SALEM

Station S-A-L-E-M broadcasting, over the YDVA net work. At our last meeting held April 9, which was our election of officers, we had 14 at the meeting, which is good attendance for us, seeing as most all the Witches were hung on Gallows Hill. The Witches who were not hung, but who were elected at the last meeting are as follows, Commander re-elected Wm. E. Spot McHugh, H 104 Inf., SV Com. Charles Leger, Hdq. 101 FA, J.V. Com. Gus Madore H 104 Inf., Secretary, Chas. Laforme, D 101 FA, Treasurer Wilfred Thibodeau H 104 Inf., Chaplain, Brandt Tompkins, D 101 FA, Historian, Leon Luto, 101 Eng. Sgt-at-Arms, Emile Gagnon, D 101 FA.

Board of Trustees — PC Lucien Pelletier, D 101 FA, PC John Walsh, D 101 FA, PC Nap Leblanc, D 101 FA, PC Thos. Bannon, D 101 FA, PC Emil J. Thibault, E 101 FA, Edw. Calhoun, E 101 FA, Edw. Rennick, D 101 FA. Trustees to Permanent Fund, Al St. Pierre, H 104 Inf., Jos. St. Charles, H 104 Innf., Edw. Calhoun, E 101 FA.

Chairman of Installation, Emile Gagnon, assisted by W. Thibodeau, Edw. Rennick, and our live wire Ladies Auxiliaries. Installation will be held Monday, April 24. Commander of Mass. Dept., Emil J. Thibault will install these Witches in office. Of course this will be a joint installation of officers, with the Ladies Aux. Salem Chapter without their Ladies Auxiliary would be like a bomber on a bombing mission without bombs.

Membership has gone up to 39 and will be 50 by Memorial Day. Here are the names of a few second hand and brand new members: Point of Order Dutch Ayers, Nap. St. Charles, Joseph St. Lawrence, Geo. H. Deschamps, Leon Luto. Three brand new members, Edward Rennick, D Bat. 101 FA, Francis Lavoie, E Bat. 101 FA, Leonard B. Ives, F. Bat. 101 FA, better known as Ives the Florist. This makes two florists in our chapter, Leighton Stearns the Florist, D Bat. 101 FA.

We hope that some of these new members will attend some of our meetings and be properly christened. Baby Dumplin Tomkins is a guard somewhere, so he missed a few meetings. The old Squire of Beverly Farms Top Kik Ed Calhoun has missed a few meetings—could be he was shoveling hen fruit out of his chicken coop. He has no horses, so he could not have been shoveling what I have in mind. Yard Bird Smith Jos. St. Charles has taken to raising chicks. He has six of them. He insist that they will be all pullets, but all six of them look like him—my bet they will be all roosters.

Chief Long Looks Gus Madore is a regular attendant at the meetings. He also gets tooken at the pene ante game once in a while, as does Donal Duck. Commander Willie Ham, Wm. E. McHugh has not as yet developed that fatherly look on his face, and he has been a City Father for four months. He is just an infant, what can you expect. If he could only develop a dignified appearance as our ex-keeper of spittoons and cuspidors Nigger St. Pierre, we would hang his picture over the bulkhead leading to our cellar. Until the next broadcast. Bonne sewer and Oh revoor.

Your announcer,
Donald Duck Sister Thibault.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Harry G. Valentine
1035 Sumner Ave., Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Roy M. Coons
51 Elmdale St., W. Springfield, Mass.

The chapter held their annual installation Saturday, April 8th at the Hotel Kimball and by the way, this was a joint affair and was attended by 150 persons, which included many out of State comrades and their wives.

Among the guests who attended were National Commander William Forsyth and wife, National Sgt-at-Arms Harvey Ellis and wife, State Commander Emile Thibeault and wife, State Commander of Conn. Fred Hirsch and his Sgt-at-Arms, Chapter Commander Louis Wintner of Phila. and wife, William S. Lowe, who was representing the Mayor of Springfield and wife and our very good comrade, Rev. George S. L. Connor who the chapter always loves to present at our functions, also many commanders of the various veterans posts of the surrounding cities and towns.

The evening started out with a very nice banquet which started at 6.30 sharp and Chairman David Hogan, acting as toastmaster, did a very nice job introducing the head table. The three principal speakers of the evening were National Commander William Forsyth, Father Connor and Alderman Lowe speaking for the Mayor of our fair city.

After the banquet Chairman David Hogan introduced Comrade Francis Seyssel who took over the master of ceremonies and also did a fine job in introducing the entertainers and done some entertaining himself.

After the entertainment we started to procede with the installation of officers with the Naional Commander and his Sgt-at-Arms taking over for the men and Past President Veronica Chapman and Dorothy

Livingstone acting as Sgt-at-Arms for the ladies, and believe me it was well done you faithful members of the YD.

With the officers of the chapter in their uniforms and the ladies in their beautiful evening gowns of all colors of the rainbow, made a very beautiful installation when they made the formation of a V with the colors and color guards in the lead marching down the floor to be installed andn stood in that formation while being installed and led to their stations.

The newly installed officers of the chapter are as follows: Commander, Harry Valentine; Sr. Vice, John Meffen, Jr. Vice, Walter Gilligan; Secretary, Roy M. Coons; Treasurer, Benjamin Johnson; Chaplain, Francis Seyssel, Judge Advocate, Earle Chapman; Historian, George Norton, Sgt-at-Arms, William Berard and Trustees, Robert Beach, Dennis Brunton and Roswell Patch.

The credit for this bang up affair goes to Chairman David Hogan and his committee, and believe me this was t he best committee that has ever functioned, in other words, it was 100% for both the ladies and the men. So Dave, you should be proud to head up such a fine committee.

The Springfield Chapter wants to thank all the out of city comrades who attended this affair. It was a pleasure to have them with us, and if the time will ever permit I'm sure that the boys of the Springfield Chapter will attend some of their affairs.

The reason for not mentioning the ladies in this write up is that they do a pretty good job themselves.

It was quite a surprise to many of the boys of the chapter to see Comrade Frank Regnier present after spending many months in the hospital and we all hope that you are home to stay.

Well, one of the comrades who wore a soup and fish that night with a stiff front shirt and looked just as if he came from the cleaners until some one spilt a glass of b——r all over the front of that nice white shirt which made it look just like the waves of the ocean — If you don't believe me, just ask Bob Phelps.

I wonder, I wonder, who got in the dog house that night? Well, here it is just the middle of April and the chapter has over one third of last year's membership paid up and as you all know, dues are due the 1st of April, so let's keep up the good work and pay your dues now so you will get your Yankee Doings regular.

Received a very nice letter from C.W.O. Cyril LaFrancis which was read at the last meeting. Well, Cyril it is nice to receive letters like yours as it makes the boys of the chapter feel good also.

T/Sgt. Henry Roux is now in Ireland. What a place for a Frenchman to be.

Lt. Sydney Isaacs is somewhere in the South Pacific. Lt. Col. Fred H. Jones is stationed at Mitchell Field. Capt. Clarence Ross is stationed in Alabama. Major Cornell Albertini is stationed in North Carolina, and the Chapter wishes them all the best of luck as we do think of you boys who are there doing such a swell job. —Roy M. Coons.

Springfield Auxiliary

Seems like I bob up like a bad penny for here I am again to report the news of the YD Auxiliary for the coming year.

Margaret Heber was elected president; Myrtle Gilligan, Sr. Vice; Margaret Johnson, Jr. Vice, Marion A. Hogan, secretary; Anne Valentine, treasurer; Loretta Huntley, chaplain; Mary Dee, Sgt-of-Arms; Ethel Champagne, historian, and Florence Patch, Dorothy Livingstone, Irene Coons, trustees.

Our joint installation was a gala affair at the Hotel Kimball. Fr. Connors was one of the honored guests and he gave a stirring talk on the YD spirit. He said he hoped we would continue having such grand get-to-gethers down through the years as anyone of the YD had that indescribable "down in" feeling that would never die.

Music formed a nice background while eating and everyone regarded the motto of today — "Don't Waste" and licked the platter clean. After dinner a splendid floor show was put on by some talented youngsters that graciously gave their time for our pleasure.

Then the incoming officers marched in and formed a V on the floor in front of the installing officers. It was a beautiful sight with all the ladies dolled up in evening gown of every hue and our proud YD men in their smart uniforms. Veronica Chapman did a fine job of installing and we were very proud of her. Margaret Heher gave a few words and blushingly included her husband in her remarks. Irene Coons received numerous gifts and was so pleased. She certainly was a charming and lovable president but time moves on and another equally charming officer takes her place. We are sure lucky to have such a store of nice women t o draw on for presidents.

After we were installed, dancing was in order and I never get enough of that. Al, for your benefit, the lady in red did all right.

The party broke up about 2 A. M. and everyone was congratulating everyone else on the good time.

I might add at this time I was real proud of my husband, chairman of the Installation Committees, as the whole program went off like clock work and a neat job if I do say so. If I write any more I will need a whole page and that w ould be asking too much. Will see you next issue.

—Marion A. Hogan.

WORCESTER
Commander: Harold A. Nute
2 Preston St., (3), Worcester, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde O. Elliott
8 Newbury St., (2), Worcester, Mass.

The regular meeting for April was held in the usual place, GAR Memorial Bldg. (just one minute's walk from the Derby Girll) need I say any more. Commander Nute waited until 8.30 for the boys to show up then went down to round them up for the meeting. At the meeting a very progressive report was given on the Annual Dinner Dance that will be held at Mal Kellys. Everything is all set according to the Chairman.

Junior Vice Commander Carl (Acky) Johnson gave a report on membership that is pleasing to the membership. At the present time we have a paid up total of about 110; nice going Acky, keep it up, although the Commander is bringing in some new applications. Everybody in the Chapter has an idea of some sort for the benefit of the children of all YD men that are in the service, whether they belong to the Chapter or not. It is to be hoped that the membership of the organization will be greatly increased when the final proposition is put before the Chapter for action.

All joking aside though, when the boys say be careful what you do and how you do it, our monthly social is held at the same time as our meeting so that we have a large attendance at our meetings. A lot of credit for the well being of our meetings is given to PC's Jones and Gilliam.

Several of the Comrades are wondering how they are going to have an outing this year, with everything rationed. We may just consider to have a family gathering for a day at a beach resort, somewhere on Lake Quinsigamond. You know that that wouldn't be a half bad idea, then some of the boys could show the women folks how well they can catch fish when they go fishing. Speaking of fishing, in last month's issue of DOINGS I asked if some one in the organization knew where a steel fishing pole could be found for a buddy. Well, on Thursday, April 13th, Commander Nute celebrated his birthday, so after supper he sat down in his easy chair and was reading the DOINGS and the items that referred to his chapter. Shortly after he read the item about the fish pole the gang came in to congratulate him on his birthday; so like all celebrators he had a few packages and believe-it-or-not in that pile of bundles was a steel fishing rod; boy was he surprised. Well, congratulations Harold, and may you have many enjoyable moments while using the rod.

Would like to make a correction. In last month's issue of DOINGS. Under the picture of Palmer Bourdeau it stated that he was formerly of B Batt. 102nd F.A.; it should be formerly of the 104th Inf.

Was glad to see that Charlie Webster does get around once in a whole, especially when he visits with one of his pals 'Spot' McHugh. 'Pop' is quite a boy even if he does have to have crutches to get around with. You can't keep a good YD man down. Charles Davis of Danvers is to be congratulated on his willingness to be Department Sec., for Emil (Ice Cream Soda) Thibeault of Salem.

'Shots From the Dinner Dance'

Although this was an informal affair we had a variety of color, an active YD man in uniform, a Navy man and a couple of the boys in Legion uniforms . . . Hey Eddie and Emil, how many Ice Creams did you have . . . We lost count after the first four . . . Who was it that said Hy-Yah sweetheart when Mrs. Hickey came in . . . Matt Leary the most talkative member of the Chapter (hardly says a word) being introduced to the audience. Sh—— Listen I can hear him . . . How about the time the Commander took his Mrs. down street one night to buy an evening gown (for one of these affairs) for $1.69 . . . When they arrived at the store was she surprised, and his face red, after all he said, "They wear them in the evening" . . . Navy man was Earl Holbrooks, brother just back from Alaska . . . 'Snake Eyes' Brosnihan having a few songs for himself . . . Chairman James W. Kierstead and Earl Holbrook trying to get rid of 11 more steaks . . . Nobody wants any more as they had enough with one . . . Well done 'Mal,' a party well worth attending . . . Entertainment very enjoyable . . . Grand march great but all bawled up . . . What's this I see, Cliff Mellen dancing with other women . . . All stag, Earl (Shadow) Saunders, Lahue Leary, Henry Contois, Emil Champigny and Eddie Robinson . . . Dancing as usual until the wee hours of the morning.

REMEMBER WAY BACK WHEN . . . ? It was embarrassing to ask for *only* three gallons of gasoline . . . Now it is embarrassing to ask for *more* than three gallons. Well, buy, buy, Buy Bonds. —COE.

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DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: William E. Bergin, 105 Prospect Hill Ave., Natick, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: Arnold E. Beech, 99 Englewood Ave., Pawtucket, R. I.

STATE MEETING

For the first time in the history of Rhode Island a joint installation of State and Chapter officers was held at the Harrison Street Armory on April 12, 1944. Approximately 250 were in attendance.

Nat'l Commander William A. Forsyth and his Act. Sgt-at-Arms, Clyde G. Beckwith, present Dept. Commander of Connecticut installed the following State officers. Commander, John J. Kelly, SVC James McCallum, JVC Carl Olsen, Chaplain, David Davidson, Treasurer, John R. Moran, Secretary, Howard W. Hunt, Judge Advocate, Edwin M. Mara, Trustees, Joseph L. Bourget, Michael Crescenzo, and Joseph N. Frechette. James J. Girvan was appointed Sgt-at-Arms, Historian, Herbert H. Murray.

Preceding the installation, Nat'l Commander Forsyth was entertained at the Biltmore Hotel by committees representing State and all Chapters in Rhode Island. Apremont Chapter was represented by Past Dep't. Commander Joseph L. Bourget, James McCallum and Joseph Frechette. Kent County: George MacLeod and Commander James Dyson. Providence Chapter: Commander Micheal Crescenzo, David Davidson and William M. McAllister. State Dep't: John J. Kelly and Dep't Commander, William Bergin. The committee: Chairman, Guy Kittredge, Walter Vickery and Arnold E. Beech.

In passing comment on activities for the coming year I believe it is advisable to cut down our State meetings to four. One for each Chapter in the State and our State installation in 1945. I suggest this due to the lack of transportation, no gas and also the fact that many of our members are working long hours on war jobs and have little or no time to give to too many activities. This matter can be taken up for further discussion at our first State meeting.

Another important item is our membership. We have on our rolls approximately 600 members. Down through the years many have dropped their membership for one reason or another. Working in cooperation with our Past Dep't commanders and our newly elected Chapter commanders I am looking forward to the restoration of many of our old gang. With only four meetings for this coming year I believe the attendance of all chapter officers would be instrumental in creating more interest in our State meetings.

As guests of the evening we had the honor of introducing PSC of American Legion, Frank McCaffery, of Rhode Island, Herbert Morey, SVC of the S.D. VFW. Commander Earl Irons, Stonington-Groton Chapter, Comrade Wilson, N. Y. Chapter, Dep't Commander, Clyde G. Beckwith, Conn. and Ernest Fawkes of New Hampshire. Also Fred V. Hirsch, Commander elect of the Dep't of Connecticue.

Nat'l Commander Forsyth addressed the gathering on the discrimination being used in discharging veterans of World War II. Quoting in part he made the following remarks: "Any commanding officer who takes a dislike to a man may get rid of him with a blue discharge. The serviceman receives a blot on his record that may hamper his chances in civilian life and is deprived of veterans' benefits and medical care." In moments of wit and humor he rubbed it in on a couple of his old buddies who served with him in France. All in all his talk was enjoyed by all present.

Being a former Rhode Islander I hope "Bill" enjoyed his stay here. And may I say, thanks, Commander Forsyth for honoring us with your presence at our joint installation.

—John J. Kelly.

PAWTUCKET
"Apremont Chapter"
Commander: James Macallum
42 Richter St., Providence, R. I.
Secretary: Ralph W. Dexter
43 Thornley St., Pawtucket, R. I.

On April 12th at the meeting of Providence Chapter the officers of the YDVA for the entire State of Rhode Island were installed by our National Commander Wm. A. Forsythe at one of the most unique installations in the history of the Yankee Division. John J. Kelly, Dept. Commander and his suite of officers were installed first, followed by a triple installation of the officers of the three chapters in Rhode Island. Your new State Commander is a swell fellow and a great worker for the YD, so let us all get behind him and show him what we can do for the old division in Rhode Island.

Your new Jr. Vice Commander for Apremont, John Mallon, is out to get the membership of the chapter up where it belongs. Last year was the first time since we received our charter that we have not gained in membership. Instead of gaining we took

quite a nose dive. Some of you fellows will say it was the gas situation that caused this but if Prov. Chapter could make a gain of 47 members over the year before, that kind of knocks that gas alibi to pieces. It has to be team work on the part of all of us, so let's get out and help the Jr. Vice in his drive for members.

The coming year is going to be one of great importance to the chapter. We have these questions to answer. What are we going to do about the boys in service and how can we help them? Has Apremont Chapter a place in new veterans affairs to see that they get a better treatment than we got after discharge from service? We have barely touched on these questions in the past so let's do something about it now and not wait until it is all over and find ourselves floundering around with no goal to aim at. So, come on comrades, get down to the meetings and let us make some plans for the future. Our next meeting is May 18th. Remember the National Convention in New York on June 24 and 25. If you are going you had better make your reservations soon.

—Jim Macallum.

PROVIDENCE
Commander: David Davidson
1040 Cranston St., Cranston, R. I.
Secretary: William M. McAllister
71 Calaman Road, Cranston, R. I.

It happened just once in 25 years. Four YD men from the same outfit meeting for the first time as a group in front of the income tax bureau. Fred Hanlon, Bill Mack, William Coward and Al Freeman. I've always told Al he'd be in the dough. On that particular day we had $20,000,000 behind us. Thanks, boys, for your check. At least, Uncle Sam didn't take your pockets.

One peek at Larry Cook's diary brings back to mind that just 26 years ago we, of the old YD, were *guests* of the people of France. Quite true, the hotel accommodations were not in line with those of the Narranganset or the Crown. Larry has listed them in his diary as such. 1st class dugout: Beds, made of chicken wire and wood. Two blankets for each man, two candles, one card table and a few cooties. 2nd class: No beds, one blanket, one candle and plenty of lice. 3rd class, or tourist accommodations: The mud of La Reine, two blankets and the sky for protection. In the vicinity of Dead Man's Curve I done light house-keeping in the Hanlon-Stenson pest-house. Don't mention cooties. Fred's shirt done a many a hoola-hoola hanging from the nail on the wall.

Of course, that's only the humorous side of Apremont, Seicheprey and Xivray-Marvoisin. We know that Betsy the Sniper and other artillery pieces fired until their bores were hot, and where the Huns in the trenches knew better than stick their noodles up. From OP 17 I heard the rit-tat-tat of the machine guns and enjoyed the beauty of the star shells sent up by the patrols out in front. Yes, memories of Mandres and Dead Man's Curve where supplies wagons and ambulances were wrecked. Where countless numbers were killed and wounded. Right there and then we paid our second installment on a so-called debt owed to Lafayette.

Our April meeting started off with a reception at 7.00 o'clock to our Nat'l Commander, William A. Forsyth. He was met at the Biltmore Hotel by a committee representing all chapters in the State. Providence was represented by PC John J. Kelly, Walter Vickery, David Davidson and Commander Micheal Crescenzo. A special table was set in the Town Room where the boys enjoyed a turkey dinner —plus victuals.

Commander Mike Crescenzo opened the regular meeting at 9:00 o'clock. Special tribute was paid to PC Raymond Taylor who recently passed away. All business of the Providence chapter was dispensed with and the gavel turned over to our Nat'l Commander. "Bill" appointed as his Sgt-at-Arms, Clyde C. Beckwith, who assisted him in the installation of our State Department officers. Taking for granted their names will appear in our State Dep't news I'll omit them in our column.

The newly elected State Commander, John J. Kelly held the chair for a short period in which he thanked all present for their attendance and a few nice words about our Nat'l Commander. He in turn, turned the gavel back to "Bill" who took upon himself the task of installing the newly elected officers of the Apremont, Providence and Kent County chapters. This is the first time, to our knowledge, that any Nat'l Commander of the YD has ever participated in a joint installation of chapter and state officers.

Those burdened with the success or failure of the chapter for the coming year are as follows: David Davidson, Commander; SVC, Francis Dunn, JVC, Ralph Whitman; Secretary, William M. McAllister; Treasurer, Horace Q. Thayer; Historian, James J. Girvan; Chaplain, Walter Vickery; and Trustees, Kirkman B. Smith, Edward Ayotte and Ernest Bernier.

Highlights of the evening: Address by Nat'l Commander, William A. Forsyth on "Discrimination in

the discharge of World War II veterans." Presentation of Past Commander's Badges to State Dep't Commander William Bergin, James Dyson and Micheal Crescenzo. The gift of a large angel cake, not rubber, made to our Nat'l Commander by the ladies of Kent County. Introduction of Guy Fawkes, New Hampshire, Earl Lyons, commander of the Stonington-Groton chapter. State Dep't Commander, Clyde Beckwith of Conn. Past State Comm. Frank McCaffery of Rhode Island. Herbert Mowry, SVC of the VFW. Harold G. Downey and Elwin Story, PC's of YD post No. 26, AL and Mrs. Edward A. Ayotte, President of the Women's Relief Corps, GAR, who thanked comrades Joseph Laffey and John J. Kelly for assistance given at the Memorial recently held in the Narragansett Hotel.

For entertainment we had the one and only Professor Scheer, ably assisted by One Short Ton, dressed in Chink regalia. "Shorty" Stratford and "Slippery Finger" Dennis. His feats of magic were climaxed when he cut a newspaper into a hundred pieces. When opened it read, Our Nat'l Commander, William A. Forsyth, Philadelphia, Pa.

The entire program from beginning to end was put on by Chairman Guy Kittredge, Walter Vickery, and Jack Kelly. Nice going, Kitt, from a Providence chapter point of view you done a swell job. And may I add a word of thanks to those who represented our State Dep't, Apremont and Kent County. With an audience of approximately 250 your work was not in vain. And thanks again for presenting our new commander, Dave Davidson, with 100 paid-up members for the coming year.

If there's any liability connected with the following statement you can lay it on the door-step of one Frank McCaffery. Mc. tried to convince me that the fellow dressed as a chink was none other than Harold Downey. Personally, it didn't look like him to me as One Short Ton resembled Harold in no way. If Frank was right I'd like to say that the same Mr. Downey thrilled the sporting fans of Rhode Island some 32 years ago when Dexter Training Grounds was the mecca of the sporting world. I'm sure that'll take Downey back to the days of Ballard, Harmon, Metcalf, Cauchon and others who thrilled us all in their special races of 100 yds and up. Looking forward to 33 years hence I'll predict that Meehan, Stang and Harris will be bald and that Mara, Simpson, Sousa and the Hanson Brothers will be wearing long red underwear to protect their fragile frames from the wintry blasts of old man winter.

Talking in the lingo of the ponies, win, place and show goes to Colonel Edward C. Forsythe, Alonza E. Hudson and Col. Everitte St. John Chaffee. Others, Howard E. Aylsworth, Willard D. Pierce, Clifton O. Emmons, Lieut. Clarence Murdock, James S. Ellsworth, David Goldberg, Captain William Shunney, Major Norman D. MacLeod, Fred Galloway, William T. Mulcahey, Jack Kirchner, Parker Bruce Donnelly, Benjamin Rosomond, Gordon G. MacLeoad, John J. Scully, Harry A. Keene, George N. Nye, Gus Stratford, Ernie Vogt, Ray Crowell, Edward A. Ayotte, Eric Lee, Dr. Theodore Hascall, William Cook, Aubrey Bartlett, Harold W. Tucker and Bob Eley. You know, fellars, I'm the oln' paid member in the Providence Chapter. I'm allowed $10.00 a month. Out of that all I've got to buy is stamps, envelopes, stationary, typewriter ribbons, pencils and ink. When there's anything left, good natured Horace Thayer, our genial treasurer, generally takes what's left for a cup of coffee. After all, as a salaried man I've got to put in a plug for your dues, or else I'll be fired by Davidson. Without further argument, kindly mail the same to Horace O. Thayer, 33 In4dustrial Trust Bldg., Providence, R. I.

Our April meeting brought Dan Clifford back to work. As a closing gesture he treated us to ham sandwiches, cake, beer and that fluid, called coffee. With the assistance of Story, Brown and Bottari the lunch went over O. K.

In expressing sympathy to those mourned by Past Commander, Ray Taylor, I am at a loss for words. A loyal YD man, always happy, when in company with his old buddies we always enjoyed the company of easy going Ray. Sure, he's going to be missed, but after all, that's life. None of us know what tomorrow is going to bring. To Mrs. Taylor and her son, in the navy, we, of the chapter express our deep sympathy in your moment of loss, and sorrow.

—Maurray and Mack.

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DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: Clyde G. Beckwith, Manchester, Conn.
Dep't. Secretary: Clarence A. Roys, 87 No. Pearl St., Meriden, Conn.

STATE MEETING

The meeting held Sunday, April 16th, 1944 at Willimantic, Conn. with Windham County Chapter as hosts was sure a memory day, one that brought us back to a few years ago. Over 100 YD comrades and their wives braved the rain and in general, bad weather. Commander Beckwith presided. Guest of honor was our beloved National Commander, Bill Forsyth. Bill done the honors in installing the new officers. To the Commander and comrades of Windham County Chapter again three big cheers for the fine comradeship, for the fine baked ham supper, and the fine support given to the State Dep't.

The meeting was called to order at 3.30 P. M. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved as read. Treasurer's report read and accepted. Chapter reports—of those present over 500 reups to date — Fiscal year closed with 1034. Jr. Vice Report by Com. Beckwith regarding cigarette distribution at Newington at standstill — many other organizations having cigarettes left. New State Com. Hirsch to investigate.

Illness—PC Com. Dube of New Haven—reports Doc. Dolan and Ralph Bove well on the road to recovery. Best wishes comrades for a speedy recovery.

Committee Reports: Rocky Hill—Investigation by PSC Beckwith and comrade Griffin of Meriden. Conditions fine no payments by Veterans as reported. Who's Who in YD Dube reports some chapters still hold out. Please get these paid to help the Flower Fund. More on hand for those who seek same.

Unfinished Business: Alex Flynn—choice as Secretary for new Commander. Nominated for Treasurer, Sam Marcus; for Judge Advocate, PSC Beckwith. Nominations voted closed. Secretary voted to cast one ballot for slate.

New Business: Installation of new Dep't Officers; new officers as follows: Commander, Fred V. Hirsch; Sr. Vice, Earl Lyons; Jr. Vice, John P. Fray; Secretary, Alex J. Flynn; Treasurer, Sam Marcus; Chaplain, Eben Dike; Historian, Ernest Mills; Service Officer, Harry Robertson; Americanization, Rev. R. B. T. Anderson; Judge Advocate, PSC Clyde Beckwith.

Commander Hirsch at this point recognized all new Chapter Commanders present. Extended his thanks to Col. Novey and hopes him a speedy recovery. Installations to perform in near future—Manchester, Norwalk, Bridgeport, Wallingford, and stands ready to make visits to any and all chapters. Urgently requests that each chapter send names of new officers and dates of their chapter meeting nights.

4th District Com. of American Legion and member of Windham County Chapter, Comrade Crane introduced. Extends well wishes to the Dep't. PSC Bill Bergin of R. I. introduced. Extends greetings and well wishes. Sees no reason of Dep't not having 2,000 at end of year—to Bill that and more we hope. Doc Keating introduced and extended thanks by Com. Hirsch on splendid delivery of prayer and all in memory. Sr. Vice introduced — Speaks of new issue by State Officers to be called the Conn. YD Nutmeg Grater—news, advertisements, etc. It's up to you comrades to mail in to him news of your sons and daughters in service—news of your chapter. Swap and sales dep't also.

Commander Hirsch introduces PSC Gardiner Hall of Windham County Chapter and begs him to make presentation of PC button to Clyde Beckwith. With a well spoken delivery by Gardiner, Clyde responded with a swell acceptance speech. With the Dep't as always 100% YDVA. Bravo Clyde!

To finish up a fine State Meeting as this was, our Commander next introduced National Commander Bill, who rendered one of the finest speeches this Dep't has been privileged to hear in many a day. He highlighted on het coming Convention to be held in New York at the Commodore Hotel; he made report of his seeking the Purple Heart for our gone by comrades who fell in France, spoke of good conduct medals, blue discharges, and closed with a well chosen story—the 26th Division in France, who they were, and what they had accomplished. To him our Commander extended the thanks for all the chapters who he so loyally visited this past year, for his loyalty to our State Dep't and that all of us shall never fail him. This we promise at his testimnoial dinner at the end of his term. Carry On Bill, your the tops.

Good of YDVA: PC Dube requests all present to rise and extend to our Past Dep't Sergeant-at-Arms Fo-Fo-Pimpare three rousing cheers. He has served us well. Greater recognition should be extended to him. There will never be another Pimpare. He responded by thanking all and states in his travels he consumed 9,000 bottles of coke. Viva la Fo-Fo.

—A. J. F.

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BRIDGEPORT
Commander: Samuel Marcus
382 Iranistan Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.
Secretary: Samul Zolo
1914 Seaview Ave., Bridgeport, Conn.

The installation of officers of our chapter was held April 24 in the Ball Room of the VFW Hall, which was especially decorated for the occasion in many colors and subdued lights, so much so that our Commander, who is a bright light in the YD activities, could not see his notes. Shortly after the opening, the meeting was turned over to the Ladies Auxiliary who also held their installation. Their installing officer was Mrs. Elliano (whose daughter joined the Waves this week). In her very efficient manner and interesting way she installed Mrs. Charles Cockerton as Commander of the most active group of ladies in the YD—that's what we think—also all other officers. After remarks and pledges of support of all the ladies to the YD Auxiliary the meeting was turned over to the men again.

State Commander Frederick V. Hirsch assisted by other State officers installed the officers of the chapter with great ceremony. Trustees, Dr. Sprange, James H. Cockerton, John P. Fray. George A. Carlos reelected Commander; Samuel Marcus, Vice Com.; Fred Collier, Jr. Vice; Joseph Wynkoop, Treasurer; Samuel Zolo, Secretary; Robert Rayburn, Chaplain; A. Bowen, Sergeant-at-Arms.

From the pledges of support to the officers and the YD we sure will be doing what we all can this coming year to make our Chapter heard from. That was followed by the entertainment of a great magician of our own gang from the very able group of New Haven, Harry Tomlinson. He sure can do some fine things. It seemed that he could do almost anything but stop the rain which must have stopped many from attending. All that were there enjoyed his performance very much. Then the refreshments that our Auxiliary is famous for. It is rumored that none can make any better, and those that come to Bridgeport know that the rumor is true.

With thanks to the ladies for their fine work we broke up at a late hour to come together in the near future for more work and more good things.

—Samuel B. Zolo.

BRISTOL
"Mont Sec Chapter"
Commander: Karl K. Chase
174 Queen St., Bristol, Conn.
Secretary: Will N. Salladin, Jr.
153 Goodwin St., Bristol, Conn.

Our chapter held its April meeting last Friday night in Unionville at Fred Bauer's home. After the meeting our women had a very nice baked ham supper waiting for us, which was enjoyed by all.

Next regular meeting and installation of our new officers will be held at Bill Thompson's home on North St., Bristol, Friday, May 12th. The installing officer will be our new State Commander Fred Hirsch of New Haven.

We are starting off the new year with one hundred and eleven paid up members and with our 26th associates back in the picture again after a forced lay off I guess Mont Sec Chapter will be all right again for another year, if we could only get some gas to get around with.

Fred Bauer, Commander elect and myself attended State meeting in Willimantic last Sunday.

Our Auxiliary will hold their installation of officers at our next meeting in May.

—W. N. Salladin, Jr.

GROTON-STONINGTON
Commander: Earl B. Lyon
Lord's Point, Stonington, Conn.
Secretary: Franklin Wadsworth
11 Greenman Avenue, Westerly, R. I.

That mythical old lady that once stood on the side lines when the big parade was going by, and made her famous remark "that all were out of step but her Joe" was conspicuous by her absence on March 26, 1944. Possibly she knew that her Joe would either be in step or would not be there at all which kept her away from the regular meeting and election of officers of the Groton Stonington Chapter on the above date. We had fun, we had harmony and a huge pile of YD comradeship and we ended up with a fine slate of officers that all of us know will continue to carry on the good work to build up this chapter. The following officers were elected for this year: Ernest Mills, Commander; William Wills, Senior Vice Commander; Franklin Wadsworth, Junior Vice Commander; Roy S. Wilbur, Sergeant-at-Arms; Ernest Fowkes, Treasurer; Earl B. Lyon, Secretary; Charles Pillar, historian; Charles Campbell, Chaplain; Trustees, Frank Babcock, Harry Saunders and Dan Carey. Color Bearers: Andrew Satti, Roy Wilbur.

Put it down in your little book that down to the last man we are for this slate of officers and expect to prove it rather conclusively by taking off our coats and backing them 100%. That's the way we do things down here. Comrades and anyone that have any ideas that we are full of horse-radish can come down and

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take a look. The word on the door-mat spells WELCOME. Just a few things to prove our case: First we had a little raffle that ended up with one hundred and sixty-six bucks profit and which we do not expect to ever see anymore, as Ernie Fowkes has it now and when he gets his fingers twisted around a wad of bills —good bye dough! Which proves our argument that Ernie is in the right spot as chapter treasurer. We have a scrap drive on the fire which will bring into our coffers sums that start with three figures (and we don't mean $1.50). We were late in taking care of details in the purchase of our new chapter home and some one else beat us to the draw and purchased the property right out from under us. That doesn't mean that we won't have something else—pronto!

The gang went down to the New Haven Department meeting to back our present Commander Earl Lyon at the election of state officers. It was with great satisfaction that when the smoke cleared away our Commander was in as Senior Vice Deparment Commander. We of Groton-Stonington know that if Earl takes his coat off and works for the department as he has down here for his home chapter, the department will never regret their action in electing him as our new department senior vice.

We had plenty of company at our last meeting and were greatly pleased to have Rhode Island Department Commander Bill Bergin with his wife and Past Commander (also Junior Department Vice Commander-elect for this year) Oleson and Mrs. Oleson drop in to see us and stay for the meeting and refreshments. The only thing we regret when we see Oleson is that he has put some kind of a hex on our after the meeting drawing for prizes. Somehow this bird from the pee-wee state has something on us. All we have to do is to wave a ten cent ticket in the air and he not only buys the darn ticket but wants to bet he is going to win the prize. And believe it or not he does! However it was some satisfaction when the boys got him into a five and ten game and took him to the cleaners—or did they?

Along with the Rhode Island visitors we were honored by having our newly elected Department Commander Fred Hirsch and Mrs. Hirsch drop in and they brought along our new Department Sergeant-at-Arms Joe Schurk and his wife. Then Jim Hopkins, a member at large dropped in with Comrade Roy Wilbur and we extracted a promise from Hopkins to join the chapter. Yes, we had a swell meeting, a fine election and a great after-the-doings-party. The spirit of Old YD burns brightly and we are proud of our small part in keeping the flame going. -WHY-DEE.

AUXILIARY

Along with the chapter, we of the auxiliary held our election of officers and we ended our year with a membership that has laid a rather firm foundation for the newly electe dofficers to work with. We took in two new members at this meeting and have fifty dollars in our kittie. We elected the following officers to serve this year: Mrs. Ernest Mills, President; Mrs. Franklin Wadsworth, Vice President; Miss Barbara Lyon, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. Frank Babcock, Chaplain. We are laying plans for the chapter installation and the installation of our auxiliary officers and expect to put on a bean and salad supper with all the little neck clams the gang can eat. The outgoing officers all deserve a vote of thanks for the fine work accomplished and it is hoped they shall continue to give the newly elected officers their continued support. —B. A. L.

HARTFORD
Commander: John J. Curtin
63a Webster St., Hartford, Conn.
Secretary: Samuel J. Rosen
83 Love Lane, Hartford, Conn.

Hartford Chapter held its annual meeting and election of officers Thursday evening, April 6, 1944 at D. B. S. Hall. The following were elected officers for the coming year.

Commander, John J. Curtin; Sr. V. Comm., Paul J. Caravatt; Jr. V. Comm., Harry T. Robertson; Secretary, Samuel J. Rosen; Treasurer, Henry A. Beebe; Historian, Stuart R. Spear; Chaplain, Arthur W. Bjornberg; Judge Advocate, Dennis P. O'Connor; Sergeant-at-Arms, Sigmont Buczinski; Trustee, Leonard H. Fletcher.

Installations will take place at our next regular meeting, Thursday, May 4, 1944 at D. B. S. Hall, with PNC Ben Bowen doing the honors.

Hartford Chapter has been very fortunate in that Past National Commanders Ed Miller and Ben Bowen and a half dozen Past Post Commanders carry on as though they were privates in the ranks.

A word of praise must go to John Carter, Harry Robertson, Leonard Fletcher, and the others on the hospital committee, for their untiring efforts and consistent visits to the Veterans Hospital at Newington.

And if you want a successful banquet or dance, Herb Nelson can always be depended on.

We are looking forward to a big year, with the quiet, but capable John Curtin at the helm.

YD was well represented at memorial service to

Henry Fisk. Hartford Chapter suffered a deep loss in the death of this fine young man. Henry Fisk was killed in action, fighting as did his dad before him, to make this world a better place to live in. Henry was the son of Leonard Fisk, a member of our chapter. Like his dad he had the YD spirit and was color bearer of our Junior Drum Corps. Beloved by all, he will be missed by all.

—Samuel J. Rosen.

MERIDEN
Commander: Clarence A. Roys
87 No. Pearl St., Meriden, Conn.
Secretary: Eben Dike
289 Curtis St., Meriden, Conn.

YD VETS OBSERVE SIECHEPREY DAY

Veterans of the Yankee Division of the First World War fittingly observed the anniversary of the Battle of Siecheprey Saturday night, April 15th with a celebration and installation of officers of Meriden chapter, YDVA.

Clarence Roys was installed as commander at the exercises staged in the Blue Room in the Fraternal Building, after which the members enjoyed a fine program.

Also installed were Ashley J. Griffin, Senior Vice-Commander; George Semrau, Junior Vice-Comm.; Eben Dike, Secretary; Stanley Rokowski, Treasurer; Harry Bairlein, Chaplain; Earl Cranston, Sergeant-at-Arms; Martin J. Cummings and Charles Harris, Trustees.

In spite of all the rain and weather we appreciate all the comrades and guests that arrived from out of town.

Guests at the celebration were Mayor Danahor, Past National Commander Ben Bourne of Hartford, State Commander Clyde Beckwith, State Commander Elect Fred Hirsch and several other distinguished guests.

Following the entertainment a buffet lunch was served in the Blue Room.

At the State meeting of the YDVA held Sunday at Willimantic, Eben Dike, Past Commander of the local chapter, was installed as Chaplain of the State Department.

At the present time we have 37 re-ups so come on boys and send in your dues to our secretary.

—Eben Dike.

NEW HAVEN
Commander: Otis H. Culver
181 Cove St., New Haven 13, Conn.
Secretary: Eugene F. Clark
420 Central Ave., New Haven 15, Conn.

The installation of officers of the New Haven Chapter took place on Saturday evening, April 1st at Jimmie Ceriani's (M.G. Co. 102nd Inf.) Cafe Mellone. A most delectable dinner was thoroughly enjoyed by nearly 100 members, friends and families of the organization. The installing officer was National Commander Forsyth, who with Mrs. Forsyth made the long trek from Philadelphia to grace the occasion. Bill was ably assisted by Conn. Dept. Commander Clyde G. Beckwith of Manchester.

Commander Fred Brown, Bert Lonergan, "the demon secretary," and several others from New York Chapter were with us. National Vice-Commander Ralph Turgeon outlined plans for the National Convention to be held in New York City in June. Comrades and ladies from many other Chapters as well as practically all officers-elect of the Department of Connecticut were present. All National and Department Officers and Chapter Commanders were intro duced and all expressed their best wishes for a suc cessful year 1944 for YDVA.

A stirring address was made by the Hon. John W. Murphy, Mayor of the City of New Haven and an Honorary Member of the National organization. Our PNC Al Herman of Norwalk, as usual, inspired us with his pep talk, exhorting us to put forth greater effort for our building up in the coming year. The National Commander was the last speaker of the evening and expressed his satisfaction with the progress of New Haven Chapter during the past year, and bade us carry on to greater and higher goals in the one to come. An official War Department film "Taking the Beaches" brought to a close a most delightful occasion.

The high-spot of the evening was the presentation of a Past Commander's button to the outgoing Commander Henry J. Dube. In making the presentation our National Commander expressed his personal thanks and the gratitude of the entire organization to Commander Dube for his outstanding work in its behalf.

New Haven Chapter is signally honored in the election of its Past Commander and Treasurer Fred V. Hirsch to be Commander of the Department of Connecticut for 1944. He has appointed as Department Secretary Comrade Alex. Flynn and has named Comrade Joe ("Old Faithful") Schurk as Department

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Sergeant-at-Arms. Installation will be held at Willimantic on Sunday, April 16th. The Connecticut Department is certain to get a "shot in the arm" this year with Fred in the driver's seat.

The new Chapter officers are starting off with a bang and already have found it necessary to send to Boston for another supply of application blanks. It looks like a banner year.

The Color-guard, together with Commander Culver and a number of Comrades will attend the dedication of a service flag honoring more than 75,000 men in the armed forces on Sunday, April 16th. This unusual ceremony is under the auspices of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus, and will be graced by the presence of many high dignitaries of Church and State.

Plans have been completed for the annual Seicheprey Day Memorial Observance at the World War I Memorial on the central Green on Saturday, April 22nd at 10:30 A. M. The memorial erected to the memory of Corp. Timothy J. Ahearn in West River Park will also be the place for appropriate ceremonies on that day, recalling one of the outstanding heroes of the famous battle to the public mind.

Good luck and best wishes from "Connecticut's Liveliest Chapter."

—Gene.

NORWALK

Commander: Hermas Poirier
7 Mott Ave., Norwalk
Secretary: Albert W. Herman
3 Alden Ave., E. Norwalk, Conn.

Well, here we are again with the up to the minute news from the busiest little Chapter in Connecticut. Next Saturday, April 22, we will hold our Installation of Officers and the annual Seicheprey party. We expect a record breaking crowd, the capacity of the Dugout is all sold out. The National Commander and National Secretary were invited to attend. Committee meetings were held weekly to make our party a great success. I am happy to report to my comrades that I have gone back to work after a long layoff. Just one year ago today I was operated on in a New York Hospital. I was sure glad to report for work this morning, and my new job is that of a desk Sgt. working from 8 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Our new Commander is already making plans for a clam bake to be held Memorial Day at his estate. We will give a complete report in our next write up.

Our Chapter was represented last week at the Installation of Officers at the Stamford chapter. Next week most of us will attend the YD Installation in Bridgeport, and then we will make plans to attend the National Convention which will be held in New York City. Dues are coming in very good. We only need a few more to make our last year's quota, so, if you have not done your share yet, please come to our next meeting and do your bit by paying your dues. Will have more news after our party this coming Saturday, so until then so long and keep 'em flying.

—A. W. H.

STAMFORD

Commander: Stanley J. Kersten
20 Lincoln Ave., Stamford, Conn.
Secretary: Clarence W. Caldwell
335 West Ave., Darien, Conn.

Stamford installed its new officers on Monday evening April 3rd, with the help of Al Herman, Capt. Clarence Geer, Fredie Hirsch, Earl Lyon, Phil Frey, George Carlos and others. We had one of the largest turn-outs in years, with the ladies' auxiliary who also had their officers installed at the same time. All told sixty-five good and faithful were there, which ain't bad Magee, out of a total membership of 34.

The gang unanimously voted old war horse George Riickerl back into harness for the third term, which is as it should be. When you speak of Stamford you speak of George Riickerl and rightly so, because no one has ever done for this chapter what he has, and will do again this year and because he was a good boy and accepted the office again, we're going to get him sixty paid up members this year, or else.

Stamford has installed a new Service Roll in its meeting rooms for the Sons of Stamford YD dads, and has already 38 names inscribed thereon. Al Herman told us its the niftiest looking service roll he has yet come across. Why not follow suit, you chapters who haven't as yet installed your roll. It's a nice thing to do and the boys will be mighty glad to see their names on it when they come back home. Every chapter has one or two handy guys around who could knock one together in no time flat.

Next meeting in Stamford will be held May 1st and thereafter every first Monday of the month. Always refreshments, and everybody welcome.

—Ray MacNicholl.

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TORRINGTON

Commander: Col. E. E. Novey
107 Phythian Ave., Torrington
Secretary: C. Fred Newbury
Litchfield Rd., Torrington

The regular monthly meeting was held at the Armory the first Tuesday of April. The meeting was called to order by our Commander E. E. Novey who was home on a sick leave. The Colonel is looking pretty good.

Our membership has gone up and we are right after the rest of the boys. Harry Simmons, one of our members, must be pretty good at breaking through snowdrifts as Uncle Sam now has him out in Alaska. Good old Harry. And here is hoping for a speedy recovery to Bob Trumpfeller, an ex-member of Co. M 102nd Inf. who is now at Laurel Heights, Selton, Ct. A card of cheer to him will help a lot.

—S. J. Pavlik, Act. Sec.

WILLIMANTIC

"Windham County Chapter"
Commander: Ezeb J. Lapan
53 So. Park St., Willimantic, Conn.
Secretary: W. P. S. Keating, M.D.
12 Potter St., Willimantic, Conn.

Pinch hitting for the popular Dr. Keating, Secretary of our little Chapter I will proceed to give what news there is. Hold your seat and hope for the best. The YD Chapter meeting and Installation of April 14th has come and gone. It was a swell affair and all those attending had a good time. Held at the home of the writer there were 42 men present, 27 of these YD from our own Chapter and nearby Hartford and Manchester. A buffet supper was served at 7 P. M. under the able direction of Doris McBee, sister of the writer, and Frieda Hall, his swell little wife. All went well except the lousy appetites (What a bunch of sissies). Must have been the gang was getting old or else they were trying to be nice by not eating too heavy. The Chapter meeting opened with Commander Lapan in the chair and prayer was offered by Past State Chaplain Dr. Keating (well done Doc). At this point the meeting was turned over to State Commander Clyde Beckwith who, assisted by State Sgt-at-Arms Pimpare proceeded with the Installation. Beckwith was assisted by National Commander Bill Forsythe, a welcome guest among us. Bill slipped in quietly and it was a swell surprise to us all. Come again Bill when you are up this way.

Following the Installation the National Commander was called on for remarks and responded with well chosen words. Bill talked good old YD, that we all understood. Bill reminds us some of that other Past National Commander and work horse, Austin Appleby. To finish the program, Lieut. William Mackenzie of the State Police gave a talk on Highway Safety and the coming Safety Program which will go into effect May first. He asked the cooperation of those present and the Chapter went on record as heartily endorsing his program. Guests present were: Mayor Russell Hinman and Police Judge Homer Harrington of Willimantic. Our own YD Mayor, Harvey Grinsell of Putnam, Past Nat. Commanders Ed Miller and Ben Bourne of Hartford, Past Nat. Sgt-at-Arms Harry Robertson of Hartford, Past State Commander Bill Allen of Manchester, Chapter Commander Ernest Peterson of Manchester, State Sr. Vice Earl Lyons of Stonington, and five Past Commanders of the American Legion of Willimantic. All were introduced to the gang and it was sure swell to see them all again.

Present too were members of our own Chapter whom we haven't seen in months and it was nice seeing men like Art Clark, Henry Pukallus, Orville Clowater, Jess Peloquin and Roy McBee. Come around more often you men and enjoy the real YD spirit of the rest of our swell gang. The balance of the evening was given over to just plain "gabbing," singing and a little drinking. The singers were accompanied at the piano by Doris McBee who we think enjoyed the songfest as much as we. Willimantic has until the last few monts always been one of the leaders in State YD circles and has sort of done things in the right way. Here is hoping we can get back into circulation and once again take our rightful place in the YD sun. How about more of you men coming around for meetings. One last word to all YD men who have not paid Dues as yet. Up to now less than half of our last year's membership is back in the "groove" with a paid up membership card. Remember gas is not too plentiful and we are counting on you to mail in those dues at once—RIGHT NOW—not a month from now. We want your membership and you want to string along with YD, of that we are sure. We know how easy it is to say, sure I'll send it in, and then forget. PLEASE DO IT NOW. It will be greatly appreciated. Let's get a full house by having all our members paid in full at the earliest possible moment. How about a Clambake this year. How about a Bond Raffle. Let's get going. Your remarks or suggestions are always welcome. Send them in if you can't be present in person. Once more gang, step on the pocketbook and send in your dues. Mail to Dr. W. S. Keat-

ing, 12 Potter Street, Willimantic, or Elliott Moshier, 40 Selden Street, same city. Thanks.

On Sunday, April the 16th the State Dept. meeting was held at the Legion Hall in Willimantic with well over 60 YD men and wives present. It was a swell meeting. Fred Hirsch was installed State Commander for the coming year. Fred is a work horse hard to beat and if we don't have one of our best years under his able leadership it won't be Freddie's fault. Best wishes Fred. We will do what we can from Willimantic. Knowing Sr. Vice Earl Lyons we know Fred has a work horse as good as any. Best wishes to you Earl. National Commander Bill Forsythe did the honors and then gave a very interesting talk on YD and what was going on about us. District Commander of the Am. Legion, Donald Crane, was introduced and spoke briefly. Past Dept. Commander Hall was given the very pleasant duty of presenting the Past Commander's Button to retiring State Commander Beckwith. It was a real pleasure and much appreciated. Clyde will still be with the Dept. this year as Judge Advocate. It is our gain to have men like Clyde willing to carry on in the name of YD. We note too Bill Bergin Past Dept. Commander of Rhode Island was up. It was swell seeing you again Bill.

Following the meeting a nice feed was served and I mean nice. Under the able direction of our own Pat Haggerty, chairman and his committee all went off like clock work and all hands were fed well. Thanks again Pat and thanks to your Comm. There were 15 YD men from the local chapter in attendance at this meeting. A nice showing for these times. YD will never die in this neck of the woods so long as the old reliables of the local chapter can carry on. Now for a list of the Chapter Officers for 1944-45. All were re-elected for a third term, it having been decided sometime ago that our officers would so long as they were willing to serve for the "duration," then back on the old schedule where each will get his chance to serve as Commander as his time comes around.

OFFICERS FOR 1944-45

Commander, Ezeb J. Lapan, Willimantic
Senior, Walter Hewitt, Hebron
Jr. Vice, Martin Cohen, Norwich
Secretary, Dr. Keating, Willimantic
Treasurer, Elliott Moshier, Willimantic
Chaplain, Henry Pukallus, Norwich
Historian, Gardiner Hall, Willington
Trustees, Tom Delaney, Norwich
Henry Pukallus, Norwich
Sergeant-at-Arms, Euclid Pimpare, Willimantic.

—G. H. H.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Dep't. Comm.: Ralph A. Turgeon, 182 Moore St., Princeton, N. J.

NEW YORK
Commander: Fred D. Brown
607 Fifth Ave., N. Y. City
Secretary: Harold B. F. Lonergan
P. O. Box 463, New York 8, N. Y .

On Tuesday evening, March 28th, New York Chapter held its regular monthly meeting in the Peter Cooper Room of the Prince George Hotel, 14 E. 28 St., N. Y. C. with our newly elected Commander, Fred D. Brown presiding. We were all mighty glad to see that "Traveling Demon" with us again. No, comrades, I don't mean "Eleanor." Can't you guess. Sure it was our swell National Commander, William (Bill) Forsyth. We had a fine gathering in the Main Dining Room for our get-together dinner.

The meeting was called to order at 8.30 P. M. and the advancing of "Colors" was followed with the opening prayer being invoked by our National Chaplain, Rev. Father Thomas F. Temple. Introductions followed. Comrade Bob Dickson introduced Mr. W. M. Morton of Chicago. Comdr. Fred Brown then called on Sgt-at-Arms Arthur H. Ronne to escort National Commander William A. Forsyth to the rostrum. "Bill" was given a big hand. Comdr. Brown then introduced our guest speaker of the evening, Lt. Colonel Forrest J. Agee, Commanding Officer, Classification Section, Adjutant General's Office. A motion was then made by Past Comdr. Ed Nelson to suspend the regular order of business, to permit the Colonel to address the meeting. Motion passed. Lt. Colonel gave us a lengthy talk. His topic, "The Right Man in the Right Job in the Army," was extremely interesting. He pictured for us the entire procedure, taken by Rookie Johnnie Doughboy from the minute he is inducted until the time he has been finally assigned to the job he is most suited for in the Army. The Lt. Colonel explained how each man's record follows him throughout his entire "Army Life" and all trades or specialties he may have learned is entered on this record and as "Discharge" a copy of his entire record is given to the veteran, for use in helping him secure

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a job in civilian industry. Lt. Col. Agee was roundly applauded for his grand and interesting talk.

The meeting was again called into session by Commander Brown. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary and accepted. Treasurer McElwain's report was accepted as given. Welfare Officer Joe Buck O'Brien, DSC, then read a letter he had received from Commander Gene Tunney, USN, expressing regrets that due to Navy duties he would be unable to attend our meeting, and promising to attend one at a later date. Invitations from New Haven chapter to attend their installation on April 1st and Springfield Chapter to attend their installation April 8th were read by Commander Brown.

The Commander called on Secretary Lonergan to read the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held at the Lotos Club on March 7th. On motion by PC Ed Nelson and seconded by Joe Buck O'Brien, DSC, the minutes were ratified and passed unanimously.

Commander Fred Brown then called on Comrade Ralph A. Turgeon, Comdr. Dept. of the U. S., who has been selected by the Executive Committee as General Chairman for the National Convention of the YDVA in New York City, to explain how far and how much has been done. So much had been accomplished in so short a time by the Committee, that the members were greatly enthused and on motion by Comrade Robert B. Dickson that the Secretary send an official invitation to National Headquarters in Boston to hold our National Convention in New York City on Saturday, June 24 and Sunday, June 25, 1944. Motion was seconded by Past Treasurer William H. Cowie and passed unanimously. Comrade William H. Cowie has been chosen as Convention Treasurer. All YDVA members can make advance registrations directly to him at 43-17 149 Street, Flushing, Long Island, N. Y. Comrade Harold B. F. Lonergan, P. O. Box 463, Church Street Annex, New York City 8, N. Y. was chosen as Convention Secretary.

The National Convention Headquarters will be the Hotel Commodore, 42 Street and Lexington Avenue, New York City. A registration booth will be opened at the Hotel Commodore at 1 P. M. on Friday, June 23rd. The fee will be $2.00 for the men and $1.00 for the ladies.

General Chairman Ralph A. Turgeon has appointed all his various Committee Vice Chairmen. He then announced that the Convention Committee will meet again on Tuesday evening, April 5 at 8 P. M., at the Prince George Hotel.

Most of the rest of the evening was devoted to the plans for the coming National Convention.

— Harold B. F. Lonergan, Sec.

"OHIO CHAPTER"
Commander: E. T. Gonsalves
1607 West 25 St., Cleveland, O.
Secretary: Fred H. Flahavan
125 E 101st St., Cleveland, O.

The regular scheduled meeting of the Ohio Chapter was held Sunday, April 2nd and an excellent crowd was on hand. Am beginning to think that our crowd is all "fairweather" as it was a beautiful day and the aged were well in attendance.

The usual routine—minutes accepted — treasurer's report accepted—no report of membership by McGrath, accepted—Fact is, everybody accepted everything. Treasury is getting low and when money gets scarce and there is none to spend there is nothing to argue about.

Commander called on Erick Reick to present O'Kie O'Connor to the alter. O'Kie was given the gavel and the very pleasant task of presenting to PC Harry Schnell his Past Commander's Medal. Erick presented Harry and the words of O'Kie's were full of thought and Harry was noticeably pleased.

The attendance picked up considerably which wa appreciated by the commander. A good crowd is always a stimulant and Ted went through with his best meeting of the year. Ted wants all men to wear their berets at the meeting. It makes a good showing.

Memorial Day Chairman was appointed and further details on the program will be in the next issue of DOINGS.

After the regular meeting the Board met until 5 P. M. Many ideas were recorded and discussed for the betterment of the Ohio Chapter.

Members will please note that the meetings are the First Sunday of the month instead of the Third. Also that our Commander and Secretary are the same for this year as last. Our election was in October and the National Secretary was so notified but up to the last issue no change had been made in our heading in DOINGS. —Fred H. Flahavan.

PHILADELPHIA
Commander: Alfred Roberts
37 Penn St., Woodbury, N. J.
Secretary: Edward A. Johnson
944 Foss Ave., Drexel Hill, Penn.

Two months a blank in DOINGS for Philadelphia Chapter, it's all my fault, just missed the boat, so just for that I'm fired and this will be my swan song. It's

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been a privilege to so represent such a swell chapter and I regret not being able to carry on but I'm sure that with the newly elected Treasurer-Secretary, Edward Johnson, Jr. will do an excellent job and that you will hear from the Philadelphia Chapter regularly.

The last meeting was the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year and Commander Wintner appointed all Past Commanders to act as a nominating committee, namely, Past Commanders Harvey Ellis, William A. Forsyth, George Hudson and Philip Maloney, who nominated the following comrades and who were also unanimously elected to fill the offices: Commander, Alfred Roberts; Vice Commander, Ernest T. Bates; Chaplain, Harry Evans; Sgt.-at-Arms, Claude Gauntt, and Edward Johnson, Jr. Sec.-Treas. It certainly is a swell line up and portends a banner year for this Chapter.

The installation of the officers will be held on May 13th, Saturday evening, at Sunken Gardens at 8.00 P. M. sharp, followed by an evening of fun and entertainment and the annointment of happiness for all present.

The year closes for the outgoing officers with a ood increase in membership and a real healthy addi- n to the treasury. As one looks back over the year can see 12 months of real fellowship together un- a real commander who has worked tirelessly to the Chapter over and with the help of the other ncers and members he can well feel proud of his accomplishments.

The average attendance to the meetings is fifty percent and better and that is good in any man's chapter.

At the installation we are expecting some of our good friends from the New York Chapter with whom the past year has cemented a real friendship. Again the ladies will be with us to see that all and sundry will arrive safely in port, or the dog house after the installation festivities are over. There is one consolation to having the installation off the home range this time and that is that we won't have to listen as to who is the best dart shooter. All they'll be able to shoot that evening is the B——— and believe me some of those lads can do just that. They would really make good members for the Tall Story Club.

With best wishes for all the other newly elected officers of the Yankee Division Veterans Association from Philadelphia Chapter I now make my adieu.

—Ernest T. Bates.

WASHINGTON
Commander: Charles J. McManus
18 Bryant St., N.E., Washington, D. C.
Secretary: Nathan D. Golden
4000 Cathedral Ave., N.W., Washington, D. C.

One of the best turnouts of the year assembled at Al Bartram's apartment on Wednesday, April 5th, to conduct the business of the YD Club of Washington.

We were happy and privileged to have not only the past Commanding Officer of the new YD, Major General Roger Eckfeld, but also the Commander-in-Chief of our own Yankee Division, Veterans Association, Bill Forsythe. Seventeen of the regulars, too, showed up and later in the evening sat down to a so-called snack which resembled more of a banquet in these days of rationing, ably prepared by Mrs. Bartram. The double guts were as follows: Carson, McManus, Boyer, Caswell, Campbell, Queenin, Jordan, Cleaveland, Burr, Bartram, Young, Robitaille, Rowe, Small, Hutchins and Golden.

For a gentleman with two stars on his shoulder this fellow Eckfeld is quite a chap. We are still at a loss to understand why soldiers like him have been sidetracked, rather than leading his own Division in the combat zones. He had his training under "Daddy" Edwards as a Captain of the 102 F. A. in the last war and he appears to be a leader of men. But probably the stigma of being a former YD man is too much to overcome. Anyway, he gave us a vivid picture of the 32 months he commanded the Yankee Division in World War II and we are certainly indebted to him for clearing up many things about the present Yankee Division.

Commander Forsythe gave us an interesting talk about the various Chapters he has visited during his leadership and we were glad to hear that the spirit of the YD still burns in the hearts of our buddies thruout the country. Bill told us about our next encampment to be held in New York City and we hope to have a good turnout representing Washington. It is too bad Bill can't be with us on April 22nd at our installation as he has another engagement in Al Herman's village on the same night. The Washington Chapter, however, with much regret, is willing to yield to that fine warrior, Al Herman, and his buddies.

From last reports, Bill Nicholson is doing quite well at Mt. Alto Hospital. Hope he gets out in time to attend our installation party. This is all now.

—Nathan D. Golden.

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101st INFANTRY ITEMS

Here and there with the 101st . . . On Sunday, March 19, 1944 a meeting was held at Woburn by Co. G (Woburn Unit) and the following officers were elected: Leo McKinnon, a teacher at the Woburn High School, President; Thomas Hammond, First Vice; William Graham, Second Vice; John McMasters, Secretary; George Finn, Treasurer and Robert Parker, Sgt-at-Arms.

Frankie Linnehan (Med) is a CPO of the U. S. Coast Guard for the past 18 months and is stationed in Alaska . . . His son W. Frank, Jr. is with the Air Corps down in Texas . . . Future conventions, father and son, Wow! . . . Johnny Rea (A Co.) did such a swell job last year that he has again been appointed general chairman of the June 17th celebration in Charlestown . . . Bobbie Stanton (H Co.) has two sons in the service—Robert, Jr. is overseas with an Infantry outfit and William is in the Navy . . . Past Pres. John W. Coughlin (K Co.) has been appointed asst. chief attorney in the Veterans Administration in the Boston office . . . All the gang wish Jack the best of luck . . . He has been connected with the law firm of Sawyer, Hardy, Stone & Morrison for the past 24 years.

Pat O'Hara (D Co.) is with the McLellan's store in New York City . . . Your writer has five nephews and one niece from the same family in the armed forces . . . Pat McCarthy (E Co.) met with an accident and is at the Boston City Hospital . . . Gus Babin (B Co.) is at the Cambridge Hospital where he has had a serious operation. Orchids this month to all those who have so generously donated to the 101st Hospital Fund . . . Congratulations to Capt. Edward J. (Slivers) Connors (C Co.) who has been elected president of the YD Club of Boston . . . Eddie wants plenty of new members so get on the beam.

Over 200 members of the 101st Infantry Veterans Association attended our regular regimental council meeting at Medford on Sunday, March 26, 1944. The new officers of E Co. and G Co. (Woburn Unit) were installed by Pres. Al Sears. Past Pres. medals were presented to Jack Coughlin and Jim Powers. Larry Bell entertained with songs and selections on the piano. Knocko wowed the gang with his stories. The speakers included Col. John J. Carew (E Co.), Sgt. Robert McDermott who lost an arm in the African campaign, Lt. Jimmie Creswell (K Co.) who recently returned from Africa, Mayor Walter E. Lawrence of Medford, Aldermen Earl Macklin and Arthur Del Russo, Pres. John C. McGrath (E Co.) and Vice Pres. Bucky Coffey (Supply). War pictures were shown following the meeting. Refreshments were served by Co. E, who sponsored the council meeting.

Remember "Yankee Doings" is YOUR DOINGS. Watch out. —Jim Powers.

Battery E, 101 Field Artillery will hold a Reunion and Banquet at Hotel Edison on Saturday, April 29, 7 P. M. In charge are Richard Hennessey, Edmond Trudell and A. Raymond Doucette. Special guests will be former officers Captain Thomas Sanders now a Major and Lieut. Willard B. Luther, now a Colonel. Replies have been received from over 50 from many different cities and towns and a gala affair is planned with more news next issue. —Ray.

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Alfred C. Fusco, 37 Murray St., Hamden, Conn. died at his home on April 2, 1944. He served overseas with the Band, 102nd Infantry. Services were held from St. Anne's R. C. Church on April 5th. Interment took place in St. Lawrence Cemetery.

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Frank H. Geary, 77 Pickwick Road, Hamden, Conn. who served overseas with Co. D, 103rd M.G. Battalion died of coronary thrombosis at a drill of Co. C, 5th Bat., Conn. State Guard, of which he was a 1st Lieutenant in the State Armory on April 5th. The YDVA ritual was read at the Funeral Home when the New Haven Chapter turned out in a body to pay their respects.

He was laid at rest in St. Lawrence cemetery, after a requiem high mass at St. Rita's R. C. Church celebrated by Rev. Father Bernard Miller. Pall bearers were members of the YDVA Connecticut State Guard and 2nd Co. Governor's Foot Guard of which he was also a member. The State Guard furnished the firing squad and bugler.

He leaves to mourn his passing his widow, Anne R. Geary, a daughter Frances, student at Skidmore College, and a sister, Mrs. Ruth Marsh of Pontiac, Mich., as well as a host of friends.

He was to have been installed on April 11th as Commander of the Hemingway Post VFW, and was also a member of YD Post 130, American Legion. His decorations included the Purple Heart and Silver Star.

William L. Tooher, K Co., 101st Infantry is reported to have passed away at Dorchester, Mass., April 22.

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It is with great regret that the Southern California Chapter reports the death of our faithful Treasurer, Edward D. Royal.

In poor health for a long time, Eddie succumbed to a heart attack in the Veterans Hospital at Sawtelle, California, on March 2nd. Burial was in the National Cemetery at Sawtelle following a requiem mass in the Chapel there on March 7th. Eddie was on the border in 1916 with the 2nd Massachusetts Ambulance Company, and served in France with the 103rd Ambulance Company. He was a resident of Charlestown, Mass. before coming to California about seven years ago. He is survived by his wife Caroline and two daughters.

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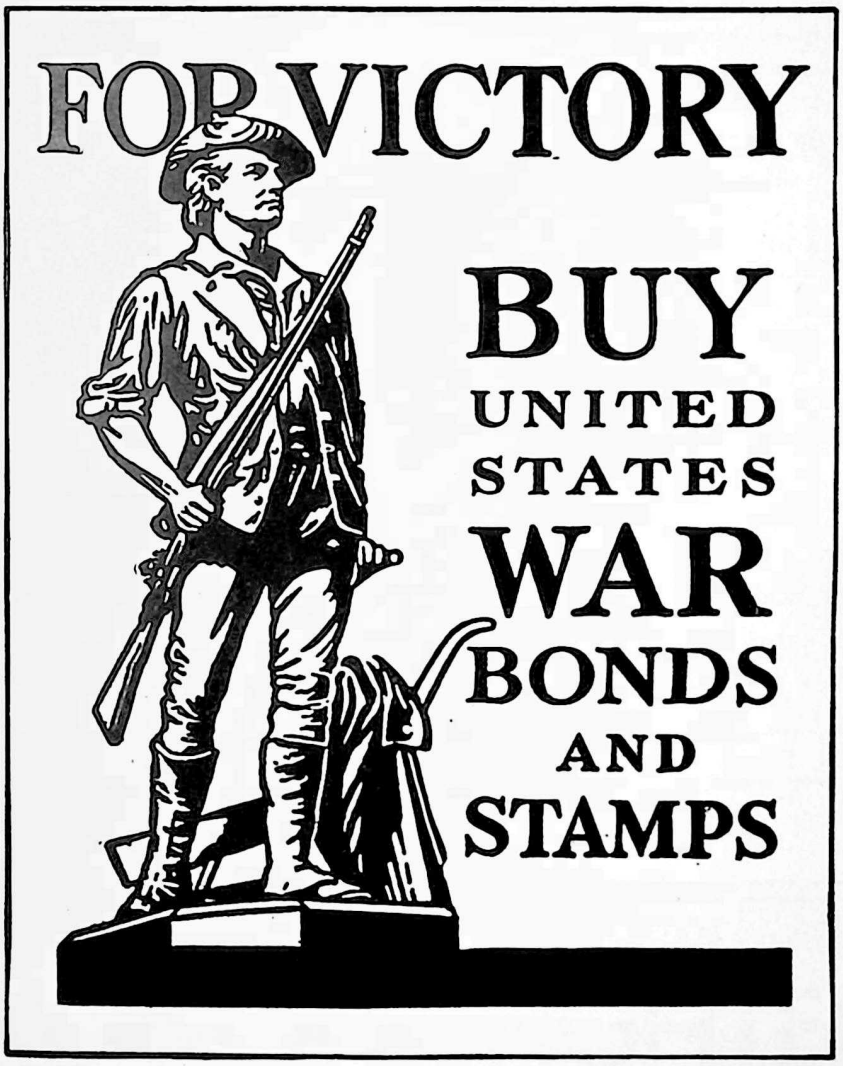
Funeral services for William F. Chisholm, 57, former Cambridge civil engineer and Yankee Division veteran of World War I, who died Tuesday, April 11 were held at Baton Rouge, La. He was associated with the Louisiana State Conservation Department for 25 years.

A native of Cambridge, he was the son of the late Colin and Katherine (Carroll) Chisholm. He was a graduate of St. Xavier College, N. S., and served as a lieutenant with Company E, 101st Engineers.

Attend National Convention, New York City, June 24-25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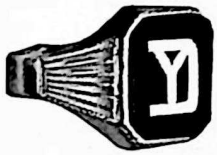

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